

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2021

Council Members Present for the February 22, 2021 TEAMS Meeting: Martin Neuhaus, Kristy Dell'Orto, Karla Lazzari, Stephanie Beckles, Breana Rounds, Allison Townsend, Nik Volkov and Tomario Rowe

Members Absent: Jessica Nelson and Donald Albright

Guests Present: Erin King

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:59 p.m.

II. Action Items

Approval of January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Nik Volkov to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the February 22, 2021 Agenda. A motion was made by Nik Volkov to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal's Report

Covid Update

- Social distancing and washing hands are helping staff and students stay healthy
- Superintendent trying to get educators vaccinated ASAP
- Community response to Covid guidelines has been very positive and effective, keeping staff and students safe and in school

4th Quarter Options

- Parents have the opportunity to chose between face-to-face and remote instruction for the last nine weeks
 - If parents like their current modality, no action needed
 - If parents want to change services, complete the form in the newsletter
- Expect minimal reshuffling, perhaps only in 2nd grade

2020-2021 Teacher/Professional of the Year

- Charisse Gilbert – Teacher of the Year (3rd grade)
- Jarmarkcus Cason – Professional of the Year (Head Custodian)

Front Landscape Renovation

- PTO hopes to support most of the proposed work without additional fundraisers
- Scope of this project much smaller than last year
- Waiting for Fulton County plan approval

B. 2021-2022 Budget

- Staffing Projections
 - 684 students (decrease of 30 students)
 - 31 PK-5th grade teachers (decrease of 2 positions)
 - 6 IRR teachers (decrease of KSE position)
 - 7 paraprofessional positions (decrease of KSE position)
 - 2 EIP teachers (decrease of 1 position)
- Mandatory Budget Reserve for elementary schools (0.5 Teacher - \$43,228)
- Strategic Plan budget priorities from Student Achievement pillar (in order of importance)
 - Full-time STEM teacher
 - Support WIN schedule (add 0.4 TAG/EIP teacher)
 - Add instructional paraprofessional for student champion support
 - If possible, utilize budget reserve to add additional Instructional paraprofessional support
- Budget Adjustments
 - Itinerant conversion, 0.2 each for art teacher, music teacher, PE teacher and PE paraprofessional
 - Custodial conversion for 2.0 custodians due to contract cleaning

C. Flex Funds Budget/Spending Requests

- Budget
 - \$27,741.92 remaining to spend
 - 2020-2021 Flex Funds must be spent (no carryover permitted)
 - Amount earned for 2021-2022 to be determined by state budget
- Spending Requests
 - Intruder Locks (\$7,773.11)
 - Playground Equipment (2 Standing Surfers) (\$2,838.44)
 - Greg Tang Math Partnership (\$11,200.00)

D. SGC Election 2021

- 2 elected parent positions, 1 elected teacher position ending 6/2021
- 1 appointed community member, 1 appointed employee ending 6/2021
- Voting to be held 3/17/2021 – 3/24/2021
- Qualtrics online survey to be used for voting

E. Community Conversations – Podcast Update

- The link to the podcast will be sent out this week
- Still creating a landing page for the Bear Crossing podcast with blog
- Suggestions for future podcasts should be sent to Martin Neuhaus

IV. Action Items

Approval of 2021-2022 Budget for Barnwell Elementary School. A motion was made by Nik Volkov to approve the 2021-2022 Budget. The motion was seconded by Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Flex Funds Spending. A motion was made by Kristy Dell'Orto to approve all three requests for Flex Funds spending. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (March 29, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.)

- Community feedback on first podcast
- Election results
- Remaining SGC Flex Fund spending

VI. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Breana Rounds to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Karla Lazzari. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.