

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2021

Council Members Present for the March 29, 2021 TEAMS Meeting: Martin Neuhaus, Jessica Nelson, Stephanie Beckles, Breana Rounds, Allison Townsend, Donald Albright, Nik Volkov and Tomario Rowe

Members Absent: Kristy Dell'Orto and Karla Lazzari

Guests Present: Erin King

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

II. Action Items

Approval of February 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Nik Volkov to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Breana Rounds. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of the March 29, 2021 Agenda. A motion was made by Stephanie Beckles to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal's Report

4th Quarter Update

- 44 students returned face to face for the last nine weeks
- Barnwell is now 23% remote, 77% face-to-face
- Highest elementary school in Zone 6 for number of face-to-face students

Milestones Testing

- According to federal law, we must administer this test unless parents opt out
- All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are assessed
- Test is NOT used to determine promotion or retention this year
- Test is ONLY used for diagnostic purposes
- **Face-to-Face Students Testing Schedule** (between 8:00-11:00 each day):
 - Day 1: 4/27 English Language Arts Part 1 (3rd-5th), up to 90 minutes
 - Day 2: 4/28 English Language Arts Part 2 (3rd-5th), up to 80 minutes
 - Day 3: 4/29 English Language Arts Part 3 (3rd-5th), up to 80 minutes
 - Day 4: 5/4 Math Part 1 (3rd-5th), up to 65 minutes
 - Day 5: 5/5 Math Part 2 (3rd-5th), up to 65 minutes
 - Day 6: 5/6 Science Part 1 and Part 2 (5th only), up to 80 minutes

- **Remote Students Testing Schedule:**
 - Option 1: In **classrooms** during face-to-face testing times (arrive 7:45 AM)
 - Option 2: In **Media Center** between **3:00-6:00 PM** on following days (arrive 2:45 PM):
 - Day 1: 4/27 English Language Arts Part 1 (3rd-5th)
 - Day 2: 4/29 English Language Arts Part 2 and Part 3 (3rd-5th)
 - Day 3: 5/5 Math Part 1 and Part 2 (3rd-5th)
 - Day 4: 5/6 Science (5th only)

Summer School

- Barnwell serves the following elementary schools: Barnwell, Medlock Bridge, Shakerag, State Bridge and Wilson Creek
- Subjects are Reading and Math
- Session One is June 7-June 24; Session Two is July 1-July 22
- Hours are 7:40-11:40 AM for 14 days
- Target audience is students that are 1+ years behind
- 10-12 students per class
- Expecting 1 teacher per grade level, maybe 2 according to attendee numbers
- Students will be recommended and invited after spring break
- Hiring teachers and support personnel
- Bus transportation is provided from their home school to Barnwell

Front Landscape Renovation Update

- Our PTO is paying for this work
- Some trees have already been removed
- Remainder of work will be done during the week of spring break and the week after

Status of Recently Approved Purchases

- Greg Tang Math Partnership and Intruder Locks (both purchase orders approved)
- Playground Equipment (Working with Vendor-In Process)

B. Remaining SGC Flex Funds to Spend (\$5,930.37)

- \$2,500 (or less) – “Be the Voice” video-based student engagement
 - Anti-bullying program
 - Some grant funds may be available
 - Hoping to pay less than \$2,500 for this
 - Barnwell is on the waitlist for the future
- \$3,430 (or more) – Classroom library books, adding more diversity to classroom libraries
- Funds not used for “Be the Voice” will be used for Classroom library books

Action Item

Approval of SGC flex funds to be spent on the “Be the Voice” video-based student engagement and classroom library books, up to a total for both of \$5,930.37. A motion was made by Nik Volkov to approve this flex fund spending. The motion was seconded by Jessica Nelson. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. SGC Election 2021

- Clay Holloway and Sarah McKenzie will both be elected as there are two parent openings
- There is one teacher opening and teacher voting ends March 31, 2021

D. Community Conversations – Feedback/Future Topics

- Comments on community conversations
 - Teachers provide an engaging look into their classrooms
 - A blog addition was added as another outlet
 - Want to circulate the podcast within our Barnwell community to get them to listen
 - Suggestion made to post the podcast on Twitter and Facebook as there is a strong following there
- Future topic discussion ideas
 - Parent perspective: COVID – Who is staying home and why? What has worked or what hasn't?
 - Teacher perspective: What have we overcome during this time? What are some positives?
- Any additional topic ideas should be sent to Martin Neuhaus
- Next podcast to be recorded the week of April 19 and released by the end of April
- Podcast has audio and video formats but only released the audio

E. Meeting Dates for April and May 2021

- Combine April/May meetings to May 10
- Committee in agreement with date changes

IV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (May 10, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.)

- Enrollment 2021-2022 Update
- Election update
- Newly elected members will be invited to join the committee
- Celebrate finishing this year

V. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Donald Albright to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.