

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2021

Council Members Present for the May 10, 2021 TEAMS Meeting:

Martin Neuhaus, Kristy Dell’Orto, Karla Lazzari, Jessica Nelson, Stephanie Beckles, Allison Townsend and Nik Volkov

Members Absent: Donald Albright, Breana Rounds and Tomario Rowe

Guests Present: Erin King

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. Action Items

Approval of March 29, 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 May 10, 2021 Agenda. A motion was made by Stephanie Beckles to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Nik Volkov. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal’s Report

Mr. Neuhaus expressed his appreciation to all members for serving on the council during this challenging year. Special thanks to Kristy Dell’Orto, Karla Lazzari, Jessica Nelson and Nik Volkov as they leave the council on June 30, 2021.

Enrollment/Staffing 2021-2022

- Face-to-face only next year
 - No simultaneous teaching or remote option at local schools
 - There is a year-long Fulton County remote option
- Masks
 - Dr. Looney will follow CDC recommendations (masks inside right now)
 - Any changes will be communicated after board approval
- Barnwell projected at 688 students next year
 - 31 classroom teachers
 - 3 staff members moving; rest stable
- Losing KSE program
 - Absorbed by Hillside Elementary School
 - Staffing adjustments already made
- American Rescue Funds
 - Literacy coach and paraprofessional to be added to staff

2020-2021 Flex Funds Spending Requests - Status of spending remaining \$

- Be the Voice (\$0) – Fulton County paid entire amount
- Classroom Library Books (\$5,929.75)
 - \$0.62 balance to return to Fulton County
 - Addition of 20-30 books per classroom

New RFF Process (Value-Added Flexibility)

- Offers choices schools can opt in or out based on best practices
- Creates possibility for school level innovations; make a case for changes
- Current flexibility requests continue through next year (2021-22)
- Training this summer, perhaps in August, for all SGCs

American Rescue Funds Act

- Program continues for three years (through 2023-24)
 - Science of Reading (LETRS Program) used to support reading initiatives
 - All staff members will receive reading training, which compliments our Orton-Gillingham training
- Fulton County providing a K-2 Literacy Coach
 - Candidates must meet specific criteria so the right person is in this position
 - Principal to decide who to hire for their building; zone superintendent to approve
- Fulton County providing an additional Paraprofessional
 - Will tutor Champion Kids who need a boost
 - Students receive one-on-one support for approximately 15 minutes a day
 - This new person is in addition to the Paraprofessional already working with our Champion Kids

B. Barnwell SGC Election Results

- New members joining us at our next meeting:
 - Clay Holloway – Parent/Guardian
 - Sarah McKenzie – Parent/Guardian
 - Joanna Thomas - Teacher

C. Barnwell SGC Reflection Form

- Which pillars does the work done this year support?
 - All pillars were supported by this year's SGC (Student Achievement, People & Culture, Community Collaboration, and Fiscal Responsibility)
- What major initiatives were addressed?
 - People and Culture (Classroom safety-COVID response, classroom door locks)
 - Student Achievement (Leveled Library books, iReady incentives, Greg Tang math resources, classroom books)
- What work was done to support the long-term strategic plan of your school?
 - Enhanced the People & Culture piece with the podcast
 - Supported student achievement with reading and math support
 - Supported teachers with Orton-Gillingham and Greg Tang math resources
 - Current plan ends next year (2021-22)

- What data was used?
 - iReady (Final growth data available once school year ends)
- How does your work support the school and the community?
 - Flex funds were approved based on teacher and student needs
- What initiatives will we focus on next?
 - Continue Podcast – People & Culture
 - Helping Hands for Hunger – Community Collaboration
 - Program run by school staff/students/parents
 - Agreement struck with individual school where school donates food left over; agreement removes liability from the school
 - Program provides training on food safety
 - Mr. Neuhaus is meeting with the Director of Helping Hands for Hunger next week
 - Opportunity to lead Fulton County with this program

D. Bear Crossing Podcast Update

- Want to continue this initiative next year as part of our Community Collaboration and People & Culture pillars
- Barnwell is the only Fulton County elementary school doing podcasts at this time

IV. Action Items

- No further action items needed

V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (August 2, 2021 at 3:00 PM)

- Helping Hands for Hunger Initiative Update
- Meeting schedule (how many times to meet per year and when)
- Committees and positions, including a chair a vice chair
- Value Added Flexibility and training update

VI. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Jessica Nelson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Nik Volkov. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.