

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2021

Council Members Present for the August 2, 2021 TEAMS Meeting:

Martin Neuhaus, Stephanie Beckles, Breanna Rounds, Clay Holloway, Sarah McKenzie, Joanna Thomas, Allison Townsend and Gloria Sanroman

Members Absent: Tomario Rowe and Donald Albright

Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order

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

Mr. Neuhaus thanked everyone for being part of the School Governance Council. He explained that the purpose SGC is to help the principal think through issues, approve budget documents, consider waivers, participate in hiring the next principal, and provide input on principal performance. All members introduced themselves. The newest member of the SGC is Gloria Sanroman, recently appointed by the principal.

II. Action Items

- A. Approval of May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Breanna Rounds to approve the Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Approval of the August 2, 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

School Opening Update 2021-22

- Projected enrollment: 688 students; total as of 7/30/21, 665 students
- Staffing: 31 classroom teachers
- Open positions: Tutoring Paraprofessional and Custodian
- Open House is Friday, August 6 (F2F: 8:30-10:30 a.m., Virtual: 12:00-12:30 p.m.)
- Attendance Updates
 - Excused Absence (sick, make up required, work within 48 hours)
 - Pre-Arranged Absence (travel, make up required, work within 48 hours)
 - Participated Remotely (present, complete 90 minutes daily iReady, make-up required, work within 48 hours); must be requested 72 hours prior to absence

- Grading updates
 - Major Assessments (50%), Minor Assessments (50%)
 - Progress Reports (every 4 ½ weeks)
- COVID Protocols Updates
 - Masks optional right now
 - If county/state requires masks, Fulton County will follow
 - Watching incident rates in Johns Creek
 - Rate of infection must meet or exceed 100 cases per 100,000 residents to require students/staff to wear masks
 - New Epidemiology Reports are released on Tuesdays and Fulton County determinations are made on Wednesdays
 - Students/bus drivers are required to wear masks on buses
 - No Visitors/Volunteers for 1st 9 weeks in instructional spaces
 - Continue cleaning protocols, lunch by grade level and recess by grade level
 - If a student or staff member is directly exposed to a Covid positive person at school and has no symptoms, they do not have to quarantine at home; can come to school but must wear a mask

Value Added Flexibility Process Update

- SGC waiver from state law or Fulton County policy
 - Currently utilizing two waivers (TAG Model and Itinerant Conversion model)
 - Options:
 - Opt in – will work for current itinerant conversion model
 - Value-added flexibility process
 - Process to approve (cannot opt in to TAG model)
 - Before 9/1/21 SGC must indicate interest (no vote on interest)
 - In September/October SGC must do a public comment period; Fulton County will tell SGC when that period is (probably in October)
 - After that period, SGC will make a decision on whether we want to ask for TAG model
 - In November/December FC will either approve or deny

Helping Hands End Hunger Initiative Update

- Program will start second semester
- Need to solicit School Champion
- Students donate uneaten/unopened food; food is donated to charity
- Possible start-up costs are approximately \$2,000 for coolers, etc.
- Cooler space needed where items would be stored
- Items picked up once a week (can also donate to another elementary school)

2021-22 Officer Elections

Action Item

- Approval of SGC Chair and Vice Chair. A motion was made by Breanna Rounds to approve Clay Holloway as Chair and Sarah McKenzie as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.

2021-22 Committee Selections

- Outreach – The purpose of this committee is to get community involvement in anything Barnwell (Bear Crossing podcast, for example)
 - Members of this committee: Stephanie Beckles, Allison Townsend, Clay Holloway, Donald Albright and Tomario Rowe

- Budget Committee – This committee looks at the school budget in February, meets with the principal to go over the budget, suggests changes, and presents the budget to SGC
 - Members of this committee: Gloria Sanroman, Breanna Rounds, Sarah McKenzie and Joanna Thomas

Meeting Schedule for the 2021-2022 School Year

- Suggest: 8/2, 9/20, 11/8, 1/10, 2/22, 4/18
- All dates are Mondays except for 2/22, a Tuesday
- Time: 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Location: TEAMS meeting on 9/20; decide later about other meetings

Member Spotlight (formerly 3-2-1 Volunteer)

- One person at each meeting will share ideas and perspectives
- A list of topics will be provided
- Joanna Thomas volunteered to present the first Member Spotlight

IV. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (September 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.)

- 2021-22 school year update
- Value-Added flexibility waivers
 - TAG
 - Itinerant Conversion
- Selection of Chair of Outreach and Budget Committees
 - Outreach Committee Members: Stephanie Beckles, Allison Townsend, Clay Holloway, Donald Albright and Tomario Rowe
 - Budget Committee Members: Gloria Sanroman, Breanna Rounds, Sarah McKenzie and Joanna Thomas
- Helping Hands End Hunger Initiative Update
- Flex Funds Update
- Member Spotlight – Joanna Thomas

V. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Breanna Rounds to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.