

Barnwell Elementary School
SGC Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2021

Council Members Present for the October 4, 2021 TEAMS Meeting: Martin Neuhaus, Donald Albright, Stephanie Beckles, Breana Rounds, Clay Holloway, Gloria Sanroman, Joanna Thomas and Allison Townsend

Members Absent: Sarah McKenzie and Tomario Rowe

Guests Present: None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Action Items

- A. Approval of the August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Breana Rounds to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Approval of the September 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Allison Townsend to approve the Minutes. The motion was seconded by Gloria Sanroman. The motion was unanimously approved.
- C. Approval of the October 4, 2021 Amended Meeting Agenda. A motion was made by Gloria Sanroman to approve the Amended Agenda. The motion was seconded by Stephanie Beckles. The motion was unanimously approved.

III. Discussion Items

A. Principal's Report

- 2021-22 School Year Update
 - New part-time paraprofessional to work one on one with struggling students
 - Begins work on Wednesday, October 13, 2021
 - Former Fulton County 3rd and 5th grade teacher
 - COVID Numbers
 - Incident rates just above 200 the last two weeks but trending downward
 - Currently 3 students quarantining at home
 - 1 class is quarantining at school (wearing a mask with no symptoms)
 - CARES Act Funding
 - Fulton County received federal monies from the CARES Act
 - Designed for after school or after hours tutoring or extended learning
 - 12 students total signed up for extended learning
 - 31 students recommended to receive help through FEV Tutoring
 - Students identified are 1 year or so behind their grade level
 - Students receive up to 10 weeks of tutoring (2-3 times a week for an hour each session)
 - If this program is successful and it is decided to purchase more of these tutoring services, during second semester SGC flex funds may be needed; 1st semester using CARES Act funds

- SPLOST
 - 2022-2027 is the next go around for a 5-year capital plan
 - Voting is in November to renew this sales tax
- Value-Added Flexibility Waiver Feedback
 - Itinerant Conversion Waiver Request
 - Feedback/Result of Survey indicates public support of this waiver
 - Discussion from public comments:
 - WIN = What I Need; block serves many purposes and students are served according to their specific needs
 - Teachers are not teaching new information during this time
 - Teachers prefer a daily program, not a weekly program
 - Before WIN time, ESOL students were pulled out from reading instruction to go to ESOL, which is what they need most
 - Daily TAG Waiver Request
 - Feedback/Result of Survey indicates public support of this waiver
 - Discussion from public comments:
 - Daily TAG pullout preferred as opposed to a daily pullout program
 - The school year is set up so Friday/Monday groups have the least TAG time due to holidays/workdays
 - With the WIN model, teachers see students every day
 - Perhaps call this waiver the “Daily WIN model” which is enrichment for all students, however they need it, instead of focusing on TAG
- Flex Funds Update (\$28,746.06 remaining)
 - Helping Hands End Hunger Initiative Update (up to \$3,000)
 - Parent Leaders, Jen Meyrowitz and Jennifer Gruher, will visit a school that has experience with Helping Hands
 - Need to purchase some equipment such as a big refrigerator
 - Coolers were donated, shelving in space already exists
 - One School, One Book Program (request up to \$5,000)
 - One K-5 book for every student to be read collectively at school
 - Scheduled to launch in February or March 2022
 - Several weeks needed to order and receive books
 - Future SGC funding requests
 - FEV Tutoring for second semester (\$15,000) (need proof of concept in October/November 2021 before moving forward)
 - Greg Tang or other software to be determined in March or April
- B. Selection of Committee Chairs (Outreach and Budget)
 - Outreach Committee Chair: Clay Holloway
 - Budget Committee Chair: Gloria Sanroman

- C. Member Spotlight: Joanna Thomas
 - Reflection: Beginning of 2021-22 school year and its progress to date
 - Thought this might be a more normal year with all students returning
 - Proud of students, staff and families for rolling with the punches
 - Barnwell has super supportive families and ultra supportive administration
 - Talked with some students who said:
 - Like having friends back/being with friends again
 - Like no zones during recess
 - Cafeteria seems noisy this year
 - Want to have Bear Paw Dance Parties and popsicles
 - From teacher/mom standpoint, all is going well
 - Social skills and interactions need work and should be a priority
 - In an attempt to show grace, some expectations were lowered and should be reset
 - Sharing Rethink letters may help

IV. Action Items

A. Approval to move forward with the Itinerant Conversion Waiver Request beginning in August 2022. A motion was made by Gloria Sanroman to approve the Itinerant Conversion Waiver Request. The motion was seconded by Joanna Thomas. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval to move forward with the Daily TAG Waiver Request Waiver Request beginning in August 2022. A motion was made by Stephanie Beckles to approve the Daily TAG Waiver Request. The motion was seconded by Gloria Sanroman. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Motion to approve the purchase of equipment needed for Helping Hands End Hunger Initiative of up to \$3,000. A motion was made by Breana Rounds to support the Helping Hands funding request. The motion was seconded Allison Townsend. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Motion to approve the purchase of books for the One School One Book program of up to \$5,000. A motion was made by Stephanie Beckles to approve this purchase. The motion was seconded by Gloria Sanroman. The motion was unanimously approved.

- **Agenda Items for Next Meeting (December 6, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.)**
(November meeting moved to December 6)
- Helping Hands End Hunger Initiative Update
- One School, One Book Program Update
- Feedback on FEV Tutoring

V. Adjourn Meeting

A motion was made by Allison Townsend to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Breana Rounds. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.