

Go Team Meeting February 2025

Action Items

a. SEL Activity

Word of the day-participants were asked to describe how they felt using one word and explained

b. Approval of Agenda

Approved by Dr. Smart and Ms. Heard

c. Approval of Previous Minutes

Approval by Mr. Singer and Ms. Heard

Discussion Items

a. Budget Development Presentation

i. ACTION ITEM: GO Team vote on Draft Budget

During this meeting the norms were discussed and everyone agreed to abide by the terms. During the meeting the team reviewed the following: Data Review, Strategic Plan, and the Budget Parameters. During the meeting any questions that needed to be asked would be answered regarding how the Strategic Plan aligns with the budget. During the former meeting the Strategic Plan priorities were placed in an order in which the focus was family engagement and the students.

Shortened form of priorities are below

- Increase family engagement
- Use data to drive instruction and decisions
- Strengthen staff capacity
- Use flexible learning tools, technology integration
- Implement whole child learning-differentiated instruction, personalized learning
- Implement STEM with fidelity

Realities of Signature Funding

Currently the school has signature funds based on being a STEM school.

The current budget is based on the [zero based budgeting concept](#).

The initial request for funding was \$449,496 based on last years budget. The current budget as a signature school is \$308,000. The amount which was received for next year is \$189,432.

The funds will allow for a Signature Program Coach and a Signature World Language Teacher. Signature programs help students to engage in content.

Concerning Staffing

Staffing is earned, funded, and staffed by the principal planning
Discussion of trades for staffing the school

Action Items

Discuss of the GO team regarding the strategic alignment and school level flexibility
Reminder that decisions are to be based on data and the strategic alignment.
Discussion of how to make sure that we can monitor the budget and to seek outside funding to add additional resources to the school like the schools in Alpharetta.

Once the information was read, explained by Principal Williams, and discussed by the GO Team, a motion was made and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Uniform Committee presented a set of options via a form to the students. The option that the students preferred was to allow for a dress out day. In addition, the students primarily opted to have jeans (without rips, holes, or tears). The next goal is to present a survey to parents and community stakeholders and present at the next meeting.

Announcements

Debate team awards-going to state championships
Decathlon is next week at Kennesaw state
Jahlil and Jacori won at the Technology Fair
Family Engagement is occurring
The Black History bowl is Friday, 11/14/25
Tuesday 2/11/25 Basketball Tournament
The Farming Container is on the way.
The Senior Luncheon is forthcoming.