

Meeting Minutes

Sutton Middle School

Date: **Monday, April 22, 2019**

Time: **5:30pm**

Location: **Conference Room, Sutton Northside Campus**

I. Call to order: **5:30 pm**

II. Meeting Protocols

a. Roll Call: Quorum Established

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Gail Johnson	P
Parent/Guardian	Brian Hankin	P
Parent/Guardian	Katherine McClure	P
Parent/Guardian	Hannah Morris	P
Instructional Staff	Kelly Conner	A
Instructional Staff	Amanda Fielder	P
Instructional Staff	Krystye Tatum	P
Community Member	Loren Eckart	A
Community Member	Kevin Wade	P
Swing Seat	Josh Sturtevant	P

b. **Approve meeting agenda:** Brian Hankin motions, Kevin Wade seconds. Approved

c. **Approve previous meeting minutes:**

- Correction of 2/13/19 – 1 media para to 2 media paras = a combined cost \$83,836.
Approve brian 1st, kevin 2nd
- Minutes for budget minutes Approve brian 1st, kevin 2nd

III. **Discussion Items:**

a. **Managing Social Media &**

b. **Digital Bridge rollout** A lot of questions and talk about the new student laptops is going on in the Sutton class Facebook pages. Katherine has agreed to respond to these posts with the following information.

Signed permission was not required for students to obtain laptops, but parents can read all information pertaining to the digital bridge online on website. Parents could sign to decline. Teachers are not allowed to limit accessibility to computers for homework- a pencil/pen and paper option must be available. Many students with the laptops have to use hotspots to access the internet, and this does not always work. No solution for this problem at this

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point, but every classroom as well as the media center have computers for student use. While this doesn't help with homework, all students to have internet access during the school day. Chromebooks were removed from classrooms with the introduction of individual laptops.

Another issue is that students are spending a lot of time playing Minecraft while in class. APS approved Minecraft on the computer because of the educational component, but students are playing it while teachers aren't paying attention. The 7th grade science teachers have embraced Minecraft as a tool in their classrooms. All teachers need to monitor the students and actively supervise the students.

- c. **Meeting dates for 2019-2020 school year:** First Go Team meeting of the 2019-20 school year is scheduled for Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

- d. **Task Force groups for 2019-2020 school year**

- 1. One Sutton- This task force was created to economic disparity among our student population. Chromebooks were a part of this. The Digital Bridge was put in force to help with this, but with the hotspots not working in these areas, there remains a divide. Look at other ways economic disparity presents challenges.

- 2. IBMYP- A lot of progress has been made with IB Leads consisting of faculty and IB Coalition consisting of faculty and parents. IB reauthorization needs to be addressed next year with specific work. Having a GO Team member on the coalition would be helpful.

- 3. Hispanic Student Achievement Task Force- Includes bringing on Communities in Schools in Sutton an a Bilingual Parent Liaison. The liaison has been very helpful. The data from Communities in School will be seen within 1-2 years. This task force locks arms with One Sutton.

IV. **Action Items** none

V. **Information Items**

a. **Principal's Report**

- 1. Academics:

- Sutton received a Top 10 Award in the State of Georgia.

- A few adjustments to Honors & Awards Day to alleviate length.

- Prepping for GMAS

- Hiring for next year

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- New drama teacher
- New band instructor
- New dance teacher
- Additional PE & additional visual arts teachers
- Scheduling
- Students should have received print-out of next year's schedule. "Enrichment" on schedule = Advanced.

2. Athletics

Girls track team = Middle School champs

Boys soccer team = Middle School champs

Amanda was named Athletic Director of the Year

Getting a new track

3. Additional

Arts: Ten students honored at APS Celebrates the Arts at City Hall

Chess champions

Debate Team of the Year

Reading Bowl district champs

Working on improving communication

Field Day for all 3 grade levels. 8th grade includes a picnic

8th grade dance- possibly moving it off campus next year/something to improve.

Teacher Appreciation Week coming up.

North Atlanta Cluster meeting- Sutton stood out with great numbers + parent pride. Also showed great improvement: Sutton was in the 60th percentile last year and 80th this year.

Main campus will be CLOSED all summer, because we are getting new bathrooms!

b. Self-assessment

Assessment of 2018-19 GO Team. This year consisted of more monitoring and conversation, less action. Strategic plan was adjusted. Suggest finding a way to improve the cafeteria while operating within the system's constraints. Cafeteria Committee. GO Team looking to partner with area businesses to enhance curriculum related to the Broadcast

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Studio. Also need to find a way to tie Service Learning needs required by IB to in-class work in order to strengthen the why of learning.

VII. Announcements

Goodbye to Brian and Amanda, who have completed their terms on GO Team.

IV. Adjournment

Motion made by: Josh Sturtevant, seconded by Krystye Tatum

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 7:00 pm

Minutes Taken By: Katherine McClure

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: