

# Greenspun School Organizational Team

## Minutes for meeting on Jan. 23, 2019

### SOT members:

Juliana Berry (parent) present	Rebecca Hill (parent) present
Dana Martin (teacher) present	Estebon Strosser (teacher) present
Andrew Slocum (teacher) present	Heather Houchens (teacher) present
Shawn Burda (parent) present	Sophia Murdock (student rep.) present
Armida Soderberg (support staff)	

### Also present:

Nakia McKeever, assistant principal

- Meeting is brought to order at 3:00pm by president Rebecca Hill
- Introductions
- Rebecca motions to approve minutes from 11.14.2018. Minutes approved.
- Andy explained that minutes are posted monthly to greenspunjhs.com
- Rebecca announces next meeting to be held Feb. 13th at 3:00pm.
- Rebecca explains that preliminary budget details will be addressed today.
- Rebecca addresses challenges in recruiting and maintaining SOT member roster due to communication between various groups involved (parents, administration, CCEA, CCSD)
- Dana Martin mentions that CCEA provided pamphlet with useful SOT information.
- Juliana asks for clarification of budgetary vision for Greenspun.
- Andy reads Greenspun mission statement from greenspunjhs.com
- Nakia addresses preliminary budget, explains budget course changes in conjunction with school's vision, incl. support for arts, robotics, academics, increase accelerated course enrollment. Nakia stresses the need to allocate budget in an effort to meet the needs of all students.
- Rebecca asks for clarification regarding Thurman White magnet school rezoning and how it affects 2019-2020 enrollment
- Heather and Dana help clarify feeder school enrollment changes
- Juliana asks about art program, Nakia explains that an art elective is planned for next year using Google Draw
- Heather explains about hiring processes for hiring an art teacher
- Juliana explained that some parents are hearing that art may be offered as a full-time elective in the fall of 2019

- Shawn explains that 6th grade elective choices feel restrictive
- Heather explains elective options and elective staffing challenges
- Nakia continues to address strategic budget plan regarding staffing and how prep buyouts affect staffing budget allotments
- Steve asks about budget changes in regards to extra dean and counselor allotments
- Andy asks for clarification on salary allotments and benefit calculations
- Nakia explains how budget allotments are adjusted to meet the specific needs of our school
- Shawn inquires about special education aides, Nakia explains that aides are funded through student services division, rather than the school budget
- Heather explains “Secondary fine arts events and programs” allocation for fine arts department aides
- Julana asks for clarification on contracting outside agencies for school services, Nakia explains that school services must be provided by CCSD departments, such as landscaping, etc.
- Nakia explains that budget line items may be less than allocated and entered as such
- Heather asks for clarification about line item for Juvenile Correctional Schools
- Juliana asks for clarification about STAR-ON program, Nakia provides information about purpose and vision for the program
- Nakia transitions to explanation of budgetary changes for next year, including staffing allocations
- Steve asks for clarification regarding allotment for special ed facilitator. Debate ensues about the need for extra day allotment for a special ed facilitator
- Nakia continues to explain budgetary line items regarding staffing.
- Juliana inquires about substance abuse awareness program budgetary line item
- Heather asks about STAR-ON prep buyout allocation
- Dana asks about General Supplies line item. Nakia explains that line item is reserved for any needed supply items
- Heather explains that we have another SOT meeting before budget needs to be voted on.
- Rebecca explains that we will vote on the budget at the February 13th meeting.
- Juliana asks about school climate and teacher morale regarding class sizes and demands placed on teachers.
- Steve explains some of the challenges faced by special education department teachers regarding meeting the legal requirements for special needs students and IEPs.

- Meeting is adjourned 4:00pm.

**Next meeting:** February 13th, 2019 at 3:00pm