



OUR MISSION IS STUDENT SUCCESS...ACADEMIC, ARTISTIC, AND HUMANISTIC

SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM Agenda

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Teams

Members: Nija Branca, Heidi Breidenstein, Marc DellaGloria, Monica Graham, Amy Labrosa, Dr. Emily McCord, Talya Sirianni, Alan Tirre, Evan Wilson

Absent: Tom Pasqualucci, Sharifa Prior, Elizabeth Soffa

Guests: D. Driscoll, J. Fetter, A. Fixsen, J. Hartmann, P. McMullen, B. Rybolt, K. Venanzi

TimeKeeper: N. Branca

Notetaker: A. Labrosa

Facilitator: A.Tirre

Attachments: N/A

TIME	TOPIC	PERSON	DISCUSSION/ DESIRED OUTCOME	ACTUAL TIME
4:15pm	Call Meeting to Order	A.Tirre/All		
4:15–4:20pm	Review and Modify Agenda as needed (Vote: To approve agenda)	A.Tirre/All		
4:20-4:45pm	Department Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music• Math	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Music Department -<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 363 music majors at SOTA including band, vocal, orchestra, and piano○ music department has MANY performances throughout the year across all the music majors - holiday concerts, black history concerts, recruitment events, etc.○ High school bands went to Albany this year for NYSMA and Hartmann took the concert choir to NYC this year.○ Course Offerings for music department - ensemble every year 7-12, music theory/piano, potentially looking into expanding upper level electives○ Vocal majors take “voice” 9, 10, 12th grade	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Skills gained through music - music skills, team work, independence, critical thinking ○ Database on the website of music performances. ○ Any piano student can participate in the piano recitals; they are not just for piano majors. ○ Music majors are often selected for music scholarships, go on to college, all state/all county ensembles. ○ Challenges - no budget, physical rehearsal space, music literacy, quality instruments and repair. ○ Collaborations - Hochstein, Eastman, RPO, BLM day, Plays ○ Future Course offerings (hopeful) - guitar/music technology. ○ Questions: what kinds of repairs are needed/what is the issue? What would more parent engagement look like? ○ What could Friends of SOTA do to help? ● Math Department - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ math 7/math 7 accelerated, math 8/honors algebra, Algebra I, Foundations of Geometry/Geometry, Algebra II/Local or Regents, Pre-Calc, Financial Algebra, Statistics, AP Statistics (online), AP Calc in person, Calculus ○ Each class tries to develop real world applications of math to keep things engaging for students ○ RIT Tutor Team - volunteer students from RIT come to classes to tutor students ○ New Geometry exam and curriculum this year. ○ Challenges - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ new IM curriculum, assumes students have learned and mastered material at previous levels doesn't account for students who have not yet mastered skills ■ hoping for more training on these new curriculums ■ what intervention will we have provided to students who still need an exam to graduate? ○ SOTA participates in Monroe County Math League - top 10 went to Nazareth College for a competition. ○ New math calculator that teachers are still learning to use before they can roll it out to students. 	
4:45- 4:50pm	NEW BUSINESS	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None. 	

4:50 - 5:00pm	Arts Majors as Electives?	E. Soffa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • why can't students take other majors for electives through high school? • Would need additional staffing but there is no current funding for this at this time. • Needs v. wants for students 	
5:00 - 5:20p	Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 24, 2025 • Title I event • Testing (E. McCord) • Road to Graduation • PTC 5/1 (Scheduling App) 	A. Tirre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tragic Event at School of the Arts 3/24 - student safety is a priority for our school. The school was misrepresented through the media after the event. • Title I event - 5/6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Celebrating mental health awareness/wellness 7-8 on May 6 through performances ○ On May 6 - table event for mental health awareness 6-7 • Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AP Seminar/AP Research presentations this week ○ AP Exams coming up end of April/into May ○ 8th grade NYS Science Test ○ Regent's exams - Saturday school, after school tutoring, during the day tutoring. • PTC 5/1 - central scheduling will go out to parents again to make appointments. 	
5:50-5:55pm	<i>Approval of Minutes</i> (Vote: To approve minutes)	A.Tirre		
- pm	Set Agenda for Next Meeting	A.Tirre/All		
5:00pm	Adjourn Meeting (Vote: To adjourn meeting)	A.Tirre		

Snacks Today: BYO

Next Meeting: May 21 Next Snacks: BYOS

Future Meetings: 6/11

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Visitors do not participate in the full team conversations and are invited to sit in a designated area.

Minutes to be posted on sotarochester.org after approval.