



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

SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM Agenda

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: Teams

Members: Nija Branca, Heidi Breidenstein, Marc DellaGloria, Monica Graham, Amy Labrosa, Dr. Emily McCord, Tom Pasqualucci, Talya Sirianni, Elizabeth Soffa, Alan Tirre, Sharifa Prior, Evan Wilson

Absent:

Guests: Michelle Accorso, Luke Fellows, Kaitlyn Keihl, Susan Woodhams

TimeKeeper: N. Branca

Notetaker: A. Labrosa

Facilitator: T. Pasqualucci

Attachments: N/A

TIME	TOPIC	PERSON	DISCUSSION/ DESIRED OUTCOME	ACTUAL TIME
4:15pm	Call Meeting to Order	T. Pasqualucci/All	Meeting is called to order	4:21
4:15-4:20pm	Review and Modify Agenda as needed (Vote: To approve agenda)	T. Pasqualucci/All	No modification of the agenda	4:23
4:20-4:30pm	NEW BUSINESS	All	No new business	
4:30-5:10pm	Department Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama• English	M. Accorso (Drama), L. Fellows (Drama), K. Keihl (English), S. Woodhams (English)	Drama Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drama will begin the presentation- shared slide deck with the group.• The drama department is Michelle Accorso and Luke Fellows.• Drama definition shared and the impact of the drama courses. Courses were broken down by grade level.• Theater covers multiple skills with the strongest impact at promoting emotional intelligence. It also strengthens the ability to receive feedback that may or may not be critical.• Major/class that is applicable across disciplines.	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes parental engagement - parents want to come see shows, celebrate with families, help with sets, volunteering for concessions, cast dinners. Encourages people to come to the school to see the shows and highlight our successes. Example of work drama majors do: radio show (writing, editing, sound, acting, etc) Collaboration - local colleges, other majors in the building, local groups Trends for careers - voice acting, online content, recording booth. Needs/Challenges - Recording booths? Is there a way to get one at our school? keeping up with trends/technology. Buy in/engagement from students. Encouraging students to participate in productions/requiring them? <p>English English Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Course Offerings of English classes at SOTA by grade level including electives Collaboration - middle school field trips to Geva, channel 13 field trip (Journalism), guest speakers, St. John Fisher College PL Opportunities for middle school curriculum would be helpful for middle school teachers. AP Training to stay current and relevant would be helpful. Examples of student work in English presentation by grade level Challenges - tardiness, absences, student buy in/initiative to learn, AI in the classroom, AP Research class does not have affiliation to a college for research tools What can be done to help? - start regents review classes sooner to support students who have failed, access to Turnitin to help with plagiarism/AI, support for teacher autonomy if and when the district encourages a new curriculum, dual enrollment courses for English 	
5:10 - 5:30	Principal's Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Senator Visit Tablet policy Fundraiser January Regents Results Spring Testing Voluntary Transfers Looking ahead 	A. Tirre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State Senator Visit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 New York State Senators will be coming to SOTA on 2/27 to learn about our civics program. Observing classrooms, talking with students. Tablet policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> new policy re: personal devices. Complete ban on personal devices for middle school. Items are being lost or stolen at school and parents are wanting these items replaced which is not feasible. First day of this was 2/24. Students are allowed to bring in necessary items for academic purposes with permission. 	

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friends of SOTA fundraising event on 3/12 at Lento Happy Hour ● January Regents Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Correlation data between review classes and improved regent's scores - especially Algebra and English. 3 Graduates from last year passed exams in January and will have a mini-graduation celebration 2/27. ○ Making plan for priority seniors to prepare them for exams. ● Spring Testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NYS testing, AP exams, Spring SAT 3/20 for Juniors. ○ Before school tutoring, after school tutoring, Saturdays available for students ● Voluntary Transfers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Window has opened for voluntary transfers. Historically SOTA has very few openings. SPBT members can sit in on interviews for voluntary transfer. ● Looking ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ class requests for next year? ○ Needs for the departments based on the presentations? ○ Redesign, changes in curriculum, course offerings for next year 	
5:30-5:35pm	<i>Approval of Minutes</i> (Vote: To approve minutes)	T. Pasqualucci	Minutes were approved.	
5:35 - 5:40pm	Set Agenda for Next Meeting	T. Pasqualucci/All	No agenda items to add currently.	
5:40pm	Adjourn Meeting (Vote: To adjourn meeting)	T. Pasqualucci		

Snacks Today: BYO

Next Meeting: March 26 Next Snacks: BYOS

Future Meetings: 4/23, 5/21, 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.