



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

SCHOOL BASED PLANNING TEAM Agenda

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

4:15 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Teams

Members: Anthony Andrews, Nija Branca, Heidi Breidenstein, Marc DellaGloria, Monica Graham, James Hartmann, Erin Mason, Tom Pasqualucci, Elizabeth Soffa, Sharifa Prior, Talya Sirianni, Alan Tirre, Lukas Wilson

Absent: Sharifa Prior, Nija Branca, Lukas Wilson

Guests:

TimeKeeper: N. Branca

Notetaker: T. Sirianni

Facilitator: T. Pasqualucci

Attachments: N/A

TIME	TOPIC	PERSON	DISCUSSION/ DESIRED OUTCOME	ACTUAL TIME
4:15pm	Call Meeting to Order	T. Pasqualucci/All		
4:15–4:20pm	Review and Modify Agenda as needed (Vote: To approve agenda)	T. Pasqualucci/All		
4:20- 4:25pm	NEW BUSINESS	All		
	Common planning time (SPED/ELL + Content Teacher)	T. Pasqualucci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brought to Tom’s attention. Not building committee issue, is it SBPT? Alan- District moving toward common planning time in schools per state monitor suggestion. Currently by course. Challenge exists for SpEd teachers between departments or working across different courses. Scheduling common planning time at SOTA nearly impossible due to complexity of master schedule. Have started to build schedule for next year, trying to prioritize CPT. Possible before or after school, hoping district can step up to provide compensation for teacher time. 	

	<p>Principal's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expanded Day & BOOST ● Title I ● Art School Network / LVA Trip ● International Trips ● Auditions / Testing ● Communication 	<p>A. Tirre</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applied for and awarded NY grant for after school activities. Proposed program that highlights student success academic, artistic, humanistic- BOOST programming. Funds not released to district until earlier this month. Personnel authorizations have to go to the board, redesign program since so much time has passed. Applied for Expanded Day funding- additional academic support, Regents review, credit recovery. Funding has been cut, waiting to see when we can access the funds. ● Title I- Mental Health Fair, student led- Avi Martinez, performances, community partners. ● Alan- Program review and partnership with Las Vegas Academy of Performing Arts. LVA- county wide school. UNLV- create a bridge for music students to go to UNLV on scholarship. Music scholarship money available, smaller school, smaller program. Will share video next time. ● Auditions- Numbers continue to dwindle, 500 applicants for 200 seats. Used to process 1200-1500 applicants. Losing students as a district to charter schools, grade level offerings all over the place. No unity with student movement throughout the district. What will departments look like in the future? School of the Arts needs to be an undeniable option. Need to be competitive with other options out there. ● Testing- January Regents exams went very well. Data from Dr. McCord shared in the chat. Prioritizing seniors who need exams and courses for graduation. January exams were well attended and got a lot of seniors through required exams. 21st Century Skills pathway exam for 5th Regents. ● Communication- Alan turned staff weekly update into parent communication. M. Graham appreciates communication- newsletter, robocall, etc. Also finds counseling newsletter helpful for SOTA and outside 	
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			<p>parents. Trying to put more good information out to minimize misinformation spread.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elizabeth Soffa- Shared about Costa Rica trip over February Break. Ziplining, white water rafting, interacted with Costa Rican students, great experience, immersed in culture. Alan- The trip was a “Travel with Terre” event. Spain/ Portugal last year. Students requested annual trip instead of every other year. BOE concern about international trips- canceled all international trips moving forward. Shifting administration and new superintendent. Told to tell students/ families the trip was canceled, non-refundable. Suburban schools were still proceeding with international trips. Shifted to an independent trip. Not a district event, independent trip. 30 travelers all together- 26 students, 4 adults. Looking into planning for next year. Students eligible for college credit through George Mason University. ● Choir invited to perform at Rochester Music Hall of Fame Ceremony in honor of Taye Diggs. ● Movie Premier at the Little Theatre- The Dancing Plague. ● Black History month celebrations- Choir/ Bands performed at several community events. 	
5:30-5:35pm	<i>Approval of Minutes</i> (Vote: To approve minutes)	T. Pasqualucci		
- pm	Set Agenda for Next Meeting	T. Pasqualucci/All		
5:35pm	Adjourn Meeting (Vote: To adjourn meeting)	T. Pasqualucci		

Snacks Today: BYO

Next Meeting: March 25th Next Snacks: BYOS

Future Meetings: 4/22, 5/20, 6/10

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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.