

## M. Agnes Jones Elementary School

Date: August 19, 2025

Time: 4:30pm

Location: Location: M. Agnes Jones Elementary School

Public Viewing Link: <https://tinyurl.com/MAJGOTEAM>

### I. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Teruko Dobashi	Present
Parent/Guardian	Meghan Plumb	Present
Parent/Guardian	Krista Verdelotti	Present
Parent/Guardian	Shyretha Sheats	Present
Instructional Staff	Cole Pryor	Present
Instructional Staff	Latoya Bostic	Present
Instructional Staff	Jannimarie Buggs	Present
Community Member	Raquel Hudson	Present
Community Member	Melissa Waller	Present
Community Member	Diane Jacobi	Present

### II. Action Items

#### A. Approval of Agenda

- Motion by: Megan Plumb
- Seconded by: Cole Pryor
- Members Approving: 100% of attendees
- Members Opposing: 0
- Members Abstaining: 0
- Motion Passes: 100% approval

#### B. Fill Vacant Positions

- Dr. Dobashi nominated Ms. Buggs for the School-Based Staff Vacancy. Ms. Buggs was celebrating her birthday today, and the team wished her a happy birthday. She

is a long-term MAJ educator who also serves as the MAJ Media Specialist and sponsor of the BETA Club. Dr. Dobashi opened the floor for questions or comments regarding Ms. Buggs' nomination. No questions or concerns were raised. Ms. Buggs accepted the position and was congratulated as a new GO Team Instructional Member.

**C. Fill Vacant Community Seat**

- Dr. Melissa Waller, a member of the West End community, was recognized for her ongoing contributions. She has worked with M. Agnes Jones Elementary to help secure grants and funding for the new playground. Dr. Waller is the Executive Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Chief Fundraising Officer for Morris Brown College. She was acknowledged as a diligent partner with MAJ, working hard to ensure a safe, sustainable, and inclusive playground. With no questions raised, Dr. Waller accepted and was congratulated as a new Community GO Team member.

**D. Fill Vacant Swing Seat**

- Dr. Dobashi opened the floor for a swing seat opening (two-year term). No nominations were offered by the team. Raquel Hudson was also nominated; however, as an existing member representing the Westside Future Fund, she was not eligible.  
Dr. Dobashi also nominated Krista Verdelotti, a parent of MAJ, a longtime activist, and advocate for all students at MAJ and in the West End community. Having previously served a partial term, she was eligible for another. Ms. Verdelotti accepted the nomination, and the team voted unanimously for her to serve the two-year term.

**E. Approval of Previous Minutes (last meeting of 2024–2025 school year)**

- Dr. Dobashi asked the team to review the previous meeting's minutes. No amendments, concerns, or questions were raised.
  - Motion by: Cole Pryor
  - Second by: Raquel Hudson
  - Members Approving: 100% of attendees
  - Motion Passes:

**F. Election of Officers and Representatives**

Dr. Dobashi reviewed voting rules, noting that nominations could be made by another or by self-nomination.

- I. Chair: Raquel Hudson nominated Krista Verdelotti, who declined. Krista then nominated Cole Pryor. Cole accepted, gave a brief statement, and was elected unanimously.
- II. Vice Chair: Krista Verdelotti nominated Latoya Bostic. With no additional nominations, Latoya accepted, shared a brief statement, and was elected unanimously.
- III. Secretary: Megan Plum nominated Krista Verdelotti. Krista accepted, provided a statement of qualifications, and was elected unanimously.
- IV. Cluster Representative: Dr. Dobashi introduced the role, emphasizing attendance at cluster meetings and reporting responsibilities. Krista Verdelotti expressed interest, Raquel Hudson was also nominated, and Jenny Buggs declined the nomination. Following the vote, Krista Verdelotti was elected Cluster Representative.

## **G. Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol**

Dr. Dobashi reviewed the public comment protocol, reminding the team that the public is given opportunities to speak at least four times yearly, for 20 minutes with two days' notice. A member suggested moving public comments to the beginning of action meetings instead of at the end.

- Motion by: Ms. Bostic
- Seconded by: Mr. Pryor
- Members Approving: 100% of attendees
- Motion Passes: Modification adopted.

## **H. Set GO Team Meeting Calendar**

The team discussed potential scheduling conflicts. The following dates were approved for the 2025–2026 school year, all at 4:15 p.m.:

- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11
- January 8
- February 10
- March 3
- April 16

## **I. Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms**

## **III. Discussion Items**

## A. Stakeholder Engagement Exercise

The GO Team completed a stakeholder engagement exercise exploring how to engage families, students, staff, and the community. Ideas included digital platforms, stickers for communication, interactive apps, calendaring parties, co-sponsored clubs, and parent socials. Suggestions to engage students included literacy committee participation, Royal Court morning announcements, yearbook club, and social events like roller skating or movie nights. Feedback-gathering strategies included booths at events, dinners, social media, and student surveys.

## IV. Information Items

- A. **Principal's Update** - Dr. Dobashi reviewed the new district PED policy and Washington Cluster's Uniform Policy, noting improved classroom focus and strong adoption. She reminded team that starting this school year, students will be asked to keep their phones up and away during the school day.
- B. **APS Forward 2040** – Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Task Force Update: Dr. Dobashi outlined ongoing meetings and encouraged community participation. Krista Verdelotti emphasized community involvement to strengthen the West End's voice.

## V. Announcements

Dr. Dobashi reminded new members to complete training and orientation.

- A. **New GO Team Member Training & Orientation:** New members were reminded to complete orientation or seek GO Team support. The G3 Summit is scheduled for September 27, 2025 (8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.).
- B. **WOW Sessions:** Monthly sessions are open to all (third Tuesday, 3–4 p.m.). Ms. Hudson was thanked for volunteering with 4th grade. Additional volunteers are encouraged for STEAM initiatives.
- **Upcoming Events:**
  - Principal Chat: August 26 at 7:45 a.m.
  - Back to School Dance (5th grade): August 28, 2:45–4:30 p.m.
  - End of Month Celebration: August 29 at 1:00 p.m.

## A. Adjournment: Motion

Dr. Dobashi thanked everyone for their support and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- Motion by: Cole Pryor
- Seconded by: Shyretha Sheats
- Members Approving: All present
- Motion Passes: Unanimous
- Meeting adjourned.