

Parkside Elementary School

Date: September 23, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Parkside Elementary School

- I. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm
- II. **Roll Call:** Ms. Brown called roll.

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Timmy Foster	Present
Parent/Guardian	Angela Bond	Present
Parent/Guardian	Taylor Pratt	Present
Parent/Guardian	Beth Stephens	Present
Instructional Staff	Jaisha Haynes	Present
Instructional Staff	Eleanor Lambert	Present
Instructional Staff	Tracie Brown	Present
Community Member	Kenneth Roy	Present
Community Member	Vacant	Absent
Swing Seat	Megan McKnight	Present
Student (High Schools)	N/A	N/A

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion made by: Pratt; Seconded by: McKnight
 Members Approving: 7
 Members Opposing: 0
 Members Abstaining: 0
Motion: Passed unanimously

- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
Motion made by: McKnight; Seconded by: Haynes
 Members Approving: 7
 Members Opposing: 0
 Members Abstaining: 0
Motion: Passed unanimously

IV. Vacant Position: Principal Foster is recommending Kenneth Roy for the vacant community seat. He is a realtor in the neighborhood. A motion was made to accept Mr. Roy to fill the vacant seat.

a. **Action Item 1: Fill Vacant Seat:**

Motion made by: Bond; Seconded by: Pratt

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: Passed unanimously

V. Discussion Items

a. **Discussion Item 1: School Strategic Plan**

- Principal Foster discussed the School Strategic Plan. He discussed the three smart goals that were set in 2019. The plan is in place from 2019-2025. This is the last year for the Strategic Plan. A new plan will be established for next year. (See school website for the School Strategic Plan).

b. **Discussion Item 2: Data Discussion** Principal Foster discussed the following data:

- The MAP Growth Achievement Quintile Spring 2024 for Reading and Math in grades 1-5 were discussed. Concerns were raised with 4th grade scores in Reading and Math. Overall, the students are performing better in reading than in math.
- Spring MAP Reading- Data was discussed. There was a concern with 4th grade and the percentage of students at the beginning level. 5th grade was discussed with having 40% of their students performing at the distinguished level.
- Spring MAP Math- Data was discussed. The students performed better in Reading than Math. There has been an overall gain in math. Data was broken down by race to show the performance rates by each race.
- GMAS Data was discussed. Only ELA and Science Scores have been released. Math scores have not been embargoed. ELA showed growth in 4th and 5th grade test scores in reading. 3rd grade did not score as well. There are resources in place in reading to assist students in 3rd grade. Science scores in 5th grade have drastically improved. There has been a 24% increase in science. This is a huge gain.

A resource that was discussed to help improve academics include departmentalization in 4th and 5th grade.

At the next GO- Team meeting, we will vote to rank our strategic plan to the budget. The budget will be different next year. There is no clear explanation of the deficit in the budget within the district.

c. **Discussion Item 3: Optional School Uniform**

There was a discussion about keeping the optional school uniform for next school year or not having uniforms. Last year the district created a uniform policy that creates equity with the dress code and uniform policy. Schools can no longer send students home or make them miss classes because they do not have uniforms. The teams discussed not making a decision to discuss these options without having input from the parents and school community. The option was made to create a committee that will get input from the parents, students and staff. The suggestions were made to create a survey. The survey could possibly be given out at the movie night or sent out through Infinite Campus. The purpose is to make sure that the community is engaged in the decision-making process. A decision to create a committee must be done before October 31. The committee can have a max of three GO Team members. There is no cap on other members (parents, staff, students, or community members) allowed on the committee. A final decision about Optional School Uniform or no uniform must be decided on after Spring Break. The district is coming up with a FAQ around the new policy with uniforms and dress code. There was a discussion about the Committee Establishment Resolution form that needs to be completed. The team suggested that Mrs. Bond complete the form on behalf of the team.

Motion made by: Stephens; Seconded by: Lambert

Members Approving: 8

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: Passed unanimously

VI. Information Items

a. **Principal's Report:**

Mr. Foster gave an update on enrollment. As of 9/23/24 these are the numbers:

Projected enrollment- 583

Total enrollment (K-5)- 591

Pre- Kindergarten- 40

Total enrollment- 631

Due to the number of students the budget was adjusted. We received an additional \$42, 672. We have an additional \$37, 350 left in the Leveling Reserve.

Changes:

- **Added and additional Kdg. Teacher (TBD)** - Kdg. currently has 130 students. There are 26 students per class. Because we are a cluster system there is no cap on the class size as far as the district sending a teacher. The school must make the changes within. Schools determine how to allocate the funds to put teachers in the classroom to fill positions.
 - Additional Special Education Teacher
 - Additional Special Education Paraprofessional
 - Additional General Education Paraprofessional

- b. **Information Item 2: Cluster Advisory Team Report:** no discussion

VII. Announcements

- **Current number of classes**
 - (K- 4)- 5 classes per grade
 - 5th grade- 4 classes per grade
 - (Pre- K)- 2 classes per grade
 - Special Education- 8 teachers
 - Gifted- 2 teachers.

- **September 24, 2024** - Mr. Johnson, Superintendent Listening Session at Maynard Jackson High School at 6-7 pm

- **September 28-** GO- Team Summit at Tuskegee Airmen Academy at 8:30am- 3:30pm

Public Comment:

1. Concern over communication with drills from school
2. Concern over communication with APS emergency communication
3. Staff care

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Bond; Seconded by: Pratt

Members Approving: 8

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion: Passed unanimously

ADJOURNED AT: The meeting adjourned at 5:23pm

Minutes Taken By: Tracie Brown

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: September 25, 2024