

Meeting Minutes

Midtown High School

Date: February 15, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM Location: ZOOM

I. Call to order: 4:05 PM

II. Roll Call

Role	Name	Present or Absent
Principal	Betsy Bockman	Present
Parent/Guardian	Jenifer Keenan	Present
Parent/Guardian	Tracy Nailor	Present
Parent/Guardian	Vicki Rafferty	Absent
Instructional Staff	P. Blair Barksdale	Present
Instructional Staff	Artis Stanton	Absent
Instructional Staff	Stacey Tanner	Present
Community Member	Wilgina Montgomery	Present
Community Member	Kyla Posey	Absent
Swing Seat	Nydia Rivera	Present
Student (High Schools)	Desirae Mohammed	Absent
	Chloe Walker	Absent

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

a. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by: Tanner; Seconded by: Montgomery

Members Approving: 7
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes: None*

Motion made by: Keenan; Seconded by: Tanner

Members Approving: 7
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

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IV. Discussion Items

a. Discussion Item 1: FY 2024 Budget Feedback

Dr. Bockman started with review of GO Team norms. Today we are at Step 5 in the budget process. Budget parameters reviewed. FY24 Strategic Plan Breakout discussed. FY 24 Plan for Leveling Reserve reviewed. FY 24 CARES allocation discussed. FY24 School Allocation reviewed. Budget by function graphic reviewed.

Mrs. Keenan questioned if transportation for athletics is covered in the budget. Dr. Bockman advised that teams typically cover this cost. School budget is inclusive of transportation for other types of teams such as drama, theater. Dr. Nailor inquired if current Midtown students could be involved with or assist the new communications specialist. Dr. Bockman concurred.

Dr. Bockman expressed desire for GO Team to advocate for money from the system to support 504 student services rather than the entire financial burden staying with the school especially given the large number of 504 students currently (260).

Dr. Bockman posed questions for GO Team to consider:

- 1. Are new positions/resources adequately addressing our major priorities?
- What is the plan to support implementation beyond the budget?
 Currently Midtown shares sign language instructor and school psychologist with other schools. We need to have dedicated staff at Midtown to address our specific needs.
- 3. What are the tradeoffs of the budget? i.e. Adding SST/attendance person while taking another support staff position away
- 4. How are district/cluster priorities reflected in our school budget? Our aim is to be heavily STEAM focused in keeping with district/cluster initiatives; Ms. Tanner is designated signature staff for Midtown's STEAM program.

Mrs. Montgomery inquired about the abolished position discussed in budget presentation—will the person who lost their position get placed in a new position? Dr. Bockman advised that the person would need to apply for the open position following same protocol as other candidates.

V. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report** -See above discussion regarding budget
- b. Cluster Report (Jenifer Keenan)-school capacity meeting discussed. Midtown HS is one of the overcrowded facilities. The current capacity is 1525 students. This year Midtown has 1602 students and is projected to have 1676 next year.

 Because Midtown HS is projected to be over capacity for 3 years, we are



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considered high priority. Only data was discussed at the February School Capacity meeting. Recommendations will be discussed at the upcoming March meetings. Per Dr. Bockman, facilities can run a report that provides data for feeder schools to Midtown HS.

c. STEAM Program Report (Stacey Tanner)-Implementation timeline reviewed. STEAM trunks will be arriving soon and teachers/staff will be trained on the devices contained therein. Additional training will provided by a liaison from Kennesaw State University.

Public Comment: Marshall Norseng addressed Dr. Bockman's presentation by inquiring about potential additional funding (from the foundation) for items that we want but could not fit into the budget. He also wanted to know if there is a specific title for the new position proposed. Dr. Bockman added that an additional support person for testing help is needed.

VI. Announcements

By Jenifer Keenan-School Capacity Meetings: March 8/9th (recommendations to be discussed)

By Dr. Bockman-Budget approval meeting must be completed by March 17th. Our next GO Team meeting will be held March 13th

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Montgomery; Seconded by: Tanner

Members Approving: 7
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:54 PM

Minutes Taken By: Tracy Nailor

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: