

Meeting Minutes

Midtown High School

Date: **March 10, 2025**

Time: **4:00 pm**

Location: **Midtown HS**

I. Call to order: **4:00 pm**

II. Roll Call

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Betsy Bockman	Present
Parent/Guardian	Jenifer Keenan	Present
Parent/Guardian	Eric Goldberg	Present
Parent/Guardian	Audrea Rease	Present
Instructional Staff	Uzoka	Present
Instructional Staff	Hill	Present
Instructional Staff	Montgomery	Absent
Community Member	Tamara Jones	Present
Student Seat	Parsons	Absent
Swing Seat	Rivera	Present
Student <i>(High Schools)</i>	Eden	Absent

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of agenda :** Motion made to amend agenda, adding discussion of Turneditin letter to Lisa Bracken of APS. Also, CAT update part of the agenda removed as there hasn't been a CAT meeting since previous Go Team meeting. Motion to approve amended agenda by **Goldberg**; Seconded by **Keenan**
Members Approving: Unanimous
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion: Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by **Keenan**; Seconded by **Boyd**
Members Approving: Unanimous
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion: Passes

- c. **First public comment period. No public comment. No one present**

- d. **School Budget Discussion**

Principal Bockman reviews step eight, the final step of the budget process in which all facets of the budget are reviewed. Principal Bockman communicates that no changes have been made to the budget since the most recent GO Team budget feedback meeting on Feb. 26. Budget must be approved by March 14.

Go Team member question: Is the athletic stipend the same for every sport? Outside of what's been presented to the Go Team, there's no other athletic stipends? Dr. Bockman responds "correct."

Go Team Member: After meeting with Chair and Vice Chair with Dr. Bracken of APS, she was going to get back to the Go Team. Has she? Dr. Bockman: "No."

- e. **Approval of School Budget:** Motion made by Keenan; Seconded by Boyd

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion: Passes

- e. Letter E. Letter to Dr. Bracken. Letter about Turneditin. Go Team Chair: "It should be paid by APS not MHS discretionary funds. Go Team Chair reads letter. (Copy of letter available on Go Team section of MHS website).

- f. **Approval of letter to APS' Dr. Bracken :** Motion made by Keenan; Seconded by Boyd

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion: Passes

IV. Principal's Report

STEM/STEAM Certification process. Dr. Bockman said she hope MHS can get through the certification process by the end of next school year.

Assistant Principal Cappelli is trying to push out pre-certification process to smooth the way.

Assistant Principal Cappelli said the pre-certification process is very closely aligned with what the Georgia Department of Education is looking for.

MHS is documenting the process, charting it out. APS, meanwhile, is looking to create a feedback process on each area. There's three levels to the certification process. Go Team member: "Do we think we'll get through level three by next year?" Assistant Principal Cappelli: "Yes."

Go Team member: "Steam certification is through Georgia Department of Education? Assistant Principal Cappelli: "Yes."

Go Team member: "Dr. Bracken is going to determine whether Signature Program and STEAM/STEM certification is worthwhile. Dr. Bockman: "Because of what we've done already, I'd really like to finish the STEM/STEAM certification process out." Dr. Bockman notes the STEAM/STEM certification is good for five years.

Dr. Bockman announced that SAT testing is coming up in April. "It'll be interesting to see what the jump in scores from the PSAT to SAT is."

Dr. Bockman continues: "I'm going to ask if there's any data we can pull that shows PSAT/SAT score differential."

Go Team Member suggest that more focus on test prep be put on sophomores than juniors. "Juniors are overwhelmed. I think starting early with sophomores will give them the opportunity to focus more on the process and get the foundation down. Juniors have so much going on."

G. Second Public Comment Period – no public comment. No one present.

E. Announcements: Go Team Member: Mock Trail Team has a debate this week.

F. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Keenan](#); Seconded by: [Uzoka](#)

[Members Approving:](#)

[Members Opposing:](#)

[Members Abstaining:](#)

Motion [Passes](#)

ADJOURNED AT [4:31 pm](#)

Minutes Taken By: [Eric Goldberg](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Minutes Approved: May 8, 2025