

Draft Meeting Minutes

Midtown High School

Date: February 26, 2025

Time: 4:11

Recording: Eric Goldberg

Call to order:

Roll Call

| Role | Name (or Vacant) | Present or Absent |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Principal | Betsy Bockman | P |
| Parent/Guardian | Eric Goldberg | P |
| Parent/Guardian | Jenifer Keenan | P |
| Parent/Guardian | Audrea Rease | P |
| Instructional Staff | Trenee Uzoka | P |
| Instructional Staff | Roderick Hill | P |
| Instructional Staff | Lisa Boyd | P |
| Community Member | Willgina Montgomery | P |
| Community Member | Tamara Jones | P |
| Swing Seat | Nydia Rivera | P |
| Student (High Schools) | Eden Sharp | A |
| Student (High Schools) | Neelam Parsons | A |

Quorum Established: Yes

A. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Tamara Jones; Seconded by Jenifer Keenan

Members Approving: unanimous

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes

B. First Public Comment Period

No comment

C. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Motion by Eric Goldberg; seconded by Lisa Boyd

Members Approving: unanimous

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Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes

Discussion Items

Budget Feedback Presentation

- i. Go Team member: initial draft minute shared with Go Team on 2/12/25.
Revised school budget shared by Assistant Principal Jennifer Cappelli via email a few days ago.
- ii. Principal Bockman and Assistant Principal Cappelli walk Go Team through proposed budget.

Created

2 202 day clerk positions

1 interrelated teacher position (had been 2). This is a change.

Removed

2 211 Day Clerk positions

2 Math teachers (1 retired, 1 resigned)

2 Phys Ed (1 retired, 1 vacant)

2 world language teachers (1 vacant, 1 resignation – Spanish).

1 social studies teacher (currently vacant position).

25-26 Master Schedule is complete and will maintain current course offerings for current students.

Go team member: Will kids get the schedules they asked for? Principal Bockman: For the most part.

Go team member: Will there still be Spanish 4. Bockman: Spanish 3-4 may be combined. Similar to French and Latin. Every school has a combined offering..

Go team member: Do you have any options to do that at the lower levels. Latin 1 and 2 for example. Principal Bockman: It's need based. Not a need right now.

- iii. Principal Bockman: We received a 158,000 bump out (increase over initial allocation).

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Changes: Addition of 1 non-instructional paraprofessional (this will allow MHS to maintain 2 non-instructional paras currently funded for this school year).

Additional funding allocated to web-based subscriptions (Schoology, Progress Learning, IXL, etc.).

Additional funding allocated to teaching/other supplies, signature program supplies, media supplies and digital textbooks.

The changes above were possible due to capacity weight increase from .25 to .40 on 2/17/25.

iv: Cluster Advisory Team (CAT) update.

District-wide facilities planning has been pushed back. Timeline when they're going to close and merge schools.

Plan for F26 leveling reserve: \$208,908.

MHS wouldn't be able to move forward on reserve money until leveling takes place and money comes back.

Go team member: I hope administration doesn't snatch money back on day 15.

Another Go team member: Modification on leveling has been discussed.

First Go Team member: Proposed money in state legislature for security in addition to 45K from state that each school already gets. Wait and see.

Principal Bockman: We have four School Resource Officer (SROs) right now.. One is on paternity leave.

Assistant Principal Cappelli: Four SROs are budgeted for next school year.

Go team member: They're going to take a hard look at signature programs. Is APS getting its bang for its buck? We didn't need to move into a signature program, MHS was running smoothly, but were forced into it. APS is going to look into it. If we weren't in Signature program that money could be used elsewhere. APS is going to evaluate whether signature program designation is useful.

Go Team CAT member: STEM/STEAM money is in flux.

Dr. Bockman: I'm meeting with cluster superintendent for budget review per the process. Then there's an HR Staffing conference.

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March 10: Final GO Team meeting approval. (This happens after a schools' staffing conference and before Friday, March 14).

v. Motion made by Jenifer Keenan to approve sending a letter to Dr. Bracken requesting funding for Turnitin because, just as it is required for IB, it is required by College Board for AP classes.

Motion seconded by Tamara Jones.

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion passes

vi. Motion made by Lisa Boyd to vote on draft budget. Willigena Montgomery seconds.

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion passes

vii. Principal's Report

None

Announcements

None

2nd public comment:

Deonne Malick: I did a couple of Let's Talks. I sit on Howard Go Team and CAT.

Looked at IB vs. STEM. What softwares are being funded? I was told it was a requirement for IBs. Inquired about STEM vs. IB. Can district pick up cost of software?

Go Team Member: Disconnect between information Deonne received on Let's Talk and what Dr. Bracken told myself and Audrea Rease. It's not clear what source is correct.

Deonne Malick: It is not equitable for a school of 250 kids to get the same amount of support as a school of 1,800. We are limited on money streams. We need to be mindful.

Adjournment

Motion made by Eric Goldberg; Seconded by Tamara Jones

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None



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Members Abstaining: None

Motion passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:19 pm

Minutes Taken By: Eric Goldberg

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: March 10, 2025