

Meeting Minutes

Morningside Elementary School

Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2020

Time: 5pm

Location: Zoom Call for GO Team & Public Comment

Live Streamed for Community at

<https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary>

Call to order: 5:03

Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Audrey Sofianos	Present
Parent/Guardian	Randy Fink	Present
Parent/Guardian	Lisa Olmsted	Present
Parent/Guardian	Shannon Thibodeau	Present
Instructional Staff	Marva Nelson	Present
Instructional Staff	Lynn Slater	Present
Instructional Staff	Wendy Westwood	Present
Community Member	Max Weiss	Present
Community Member	Barbara Crum	Present
Swing Seat	Yolanda Foreman	Present

Quorum Established: **Yes**

Action Items

- A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: [Randy Fink](#) Seconded by: [Lisa Olmsted](#)
Members Approving: ALL
Members Opposing: NONE
Members Abstaining: NONE
Motion: Passes

- B. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
 Motion made by: [Randy Fink](#); Seconded by: [Yolanda Foreman](#)
Members Approving: ALL
Members Opposing: NONE
Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

C. Election of Officers

Chair: Result: [Lisa Olmsted](#)

Officer Position:	Chair
Nominee's Name:	Lisa Olmsted, Randy Fink (declined)
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

Vice Chair: Result: [Marva Nelson](#)

Officer Position:	Vice Chair
Nominee's Name:	Marva Nelson
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

Secretary: Result: [Lynn Slater](#)

Officer Position:	Secretary
Nominee's Name:	Lynn Slater
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

Cluster Representative: Result: [Lisa Olmsted](#)

Officer Position:	Cluster-Representative
--------------------------	-------------------------------

Meeting Minutes

Nominee's Name:	Lisa Olmsted
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

Set GO Team Meeting Calendar (*GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment*)

	Date	Time	Location	Public Comment Permitted? (Yes/No)
1	9/29/2020	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES
2	11/10/2020	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES
3	12/8/2020	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES
4	1/19/2021	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES
5	2/9/2021	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES
6	3/9/2021	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES
7	4/13/2021	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES
8	5/11/2021	5pm	https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary	YES

Discussion Items

A. Data Review: 2020

Audrey sent data to Go Team members. Financial condition projection was 951 students. The official number is 846. That is 105 less students. In a normal year we would owe \$465,000. APS held harmless \$408,000. MES had a little reserve. They started by taking the reserve and MES ended up on the plus side. No major changes had to be made. Randy Fink asked about adjustments/changes to line items. Audrey said it was only \$8000 to they put it into material and supplies because that is where they had taken money out earlier this year due to budget cuts. Audrey discussed Milestones and whether there was learning loss. Milestones haven't been taken since 2019. It was waived in 2020. It is on the docket for 2021 but hopeful that it will also be waived.

Audrey stated they were proud of the overall growth. They look at different areas of the Milestones scores to determine CCRP index. We went down in Social Studies. The Social Studies test has now been waived so we will not be giving it again. Science will continue. They also look at distinguished. They look at Language Arts or Math every other year as a goal and increasing that goal. In 2019 the Language Arts goal was increased. Looking at how African American students you will see growth in 6 out of 9 indicators. Showed decline in 3 of the areas including distinguished.

Audrey went over STAR data. Looked at Reading for Second Grade. Last year they were at 44%. This year they are at 81%. These assessments were taken at home. Math scores for the same group increased. In the Fall the first grader students scored 72%, Winter 76%, and now, as Second Graders, they scored 78%. This shows there was learning going on during crisis school.

Shannon mentioned that some parents did help on STAR and worries that data is highly skewed. Randy Fink felt data is not believable and shouldn't be used to base a decision on. Marva and Wendy both agree with Randy. Wendy believed many took the test on their own but she felt as if some of the students had help. Lisa did say that some students could perform better due to less distractions. The students are testing in very different testing environments. Randy Fink mentioned that this is consistent with what he is seeing in business in that reliable data just isn't available. Barbara Crum asked if we knew where the 105 students that left MES have gone to. The new number of students stands at 833 as of today. New withdrawals have come since Early October and the decision to remain virtual.

Family Engagement Committee

Lisa stated that this was a committee last year that met two times. There are opportunities to engage the community in understanding how virtual learning is going and what they are really thinking about the virtual learning. Feels like having committee in place is important this year. Marva stated she co-chaired last year. Focus was on providing virtual platform for parents. They now have that with FB live. Diane stated that this committee has been moved from the GO team to its own entity. No longer expectation of GO Team to handle. Audrey will get with Keisha Copeland and Marva to look at ways to better align GO team with entities.

Information Items

B. **Principal's Report**

Audrey brought up four points in the principal report.

-Reopening plan are on the MES website. The Covid Readiness Team is working very hard to make sure the school is ready.

-Intervention Program – A face to face intervention program will begin in November. Approximately 25 students in grades K thru 3 will be served. There will be a maximum of 8 tutoring sessions. They will take place twice a week after school hours from approximately 2:00 – 3:20 pm. Some of the criteria being considered for students to enter the program are academics, assessments, grades, and participation.

-Moving forward with construction. They had a 3rd design team meeting. The construction company has been selected. They are awaiting approval. It is anticipated that construction will begin late January or early February.

-Review mission/vision for any changes.

C. **Reopening Plans & Parent Survey**

An intent to return survey will be going out. Lisa Olmsted questioned where the money to buy things to prepare for the reopening is coming from (PTA, foundation, etc.) Audrey said it comes from all of those areas. This opening is considered Phase 2. The supplies being purchased for the reopening will be well thought out. Some of the supplies would be used for both virtual and face to face learning. Air filters and air purifiers will be purchased before face to face learning begins.

Announcements

Audrey showed the GO team website and the link for public comment.

Adjournment

Motion made by: [Marva Nelson](#); Seconded by: [Barbara Crum](#)

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:13

Minutes Taken By: Lynn Slater

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: