

Morningside Elementary School

Date: Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Time: 5pm

Location: Zoom Call for GO Team & Public Comment

Live Streamed for Community at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCz00uNPOXwsUzSD7cVghFaw/live>

I. Call to order: 5:00

II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Audrey Sofianos	Present
Parent/Guardian		Vacant
Parent/Guardian	Lisa Olmsted	Present
Parent/Guardian	Shannon Thibodeau	Present
Instructional Staff	Stephanie Felton	Absent
Instructional Staff	Lynn Slater	Present
Instructional Staff	Wendy Westwood	Present
Community Member	Barbara Crum	Present*
Community Member	Emre Memecan	Present
Swing Seat	Aisha Stith	Present*

*Arrived after roll call

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Public Comment:

Lisa explained the procedure for public comment. A timer will be set for two minutes; community members should leave the live meeting after their comment and watch the remainder of the meeting online.

1. One person signed up for public comment but was not in the Zoom waiting room. That person will be welcome to provide their comment at the end.

IV. Action Items**A. Approval of Meeting Agenda:** Motion made by Shannon; Seconded by: Barbara

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

B. Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion made by Barbara; Seconded by Emre

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

C. Fill Vacant Parent Seat

Lisa explained the procedure for filling the vacant parent seat. Ms. Sofianos recommended Victor Kucek. Victor was officially welcomed to the Go Team.

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

D. Elect Open Officer Positions:

Lisa explained the procedure for nominating the new GoTeam Board Chair. Shannon and Emre nominated Lisa for Go Team Chair. The Vice Chair is now open, Lisa nominated Shannon to be the Vice-Chair, she accepts. Discussion of who will take over the Family Engagement committee for our GoTeam. Shannon will keep the position for now but will reach out to other interested community members to see who may want to take over charing that committee.

Chair: Lisa Olmsted

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

Vice Chair: Shannon Thibodeau

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

VI. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Item 1: MES Strategic Plan:

Audrey begins to present the draft of the strategic plan for 2022-23. Strategic plan needs to be ready before the budget process can take place. Travis Norvell came to meet with Audrey to assist with the strategic plan, Dec. 7, 2021. Lisa asked the question if Hispanic students should be broken out into two groups Hispanic and ELL. Audrey shared data on EL students and explained that there is a broad representation of subgroups within the EL group. Barbara expressed support and concern in terms of increasing student scoring proficient or above in reading by 5%. Victor and Emre asked what it takes to target Hispanic students and help them improve their MAP score by 5%.

Audrey began answering that question by discussing the school strategies and how those will be used to close the achievement gaps. Shannon explained that teachers and teams create interventions to target and help students improve their achievement. Victor asked if we are addressing the challenges that EL students face. Within these strategies, are we addressing the root cause of the achievement gaps.

Audrey added, under 2b in the strategic plan, some wording for the root cause. Victor will add some verbiage to the plan describing his ideas for understanding the causes of the challenges facing EL students. Some suggestions included are parent and/or student listening sessions.

Audrey noted that Travis commented that priorities and strategies align so that the strategies support the priorities. Teachers were asked about goals for lower grade students (K-1). Teachers shared that numerical targets for K-1 may not be appropriate for younger students. Lisa shared that she doesn't want the lower grades to be left out of the strategic plan.

She also mentioned that including moving children to the distinguished learner category is appropriate.

Lisa discussed school based solutions for items within the strategic plan, for example, support for the Social Worker and School Counselor, what support can we provide them in providing those wrap around services.

Victor asked if we are completing this plan as a K-5 school or a 4-5 split. Audrey explained we will complete the plan for next year as a K-5. Victor then asked what happened with last year's strategic plan. Audrey explained, some of the strategies and priorities carried over and some have changed, facilities and technology were both examples she used as big priorities in our last plan, that are no longer necessary. Audrey shared, the priorities and strategic plan have needed to be revisited for a while due to all of the changing circumstances.

Victor then asked what type of report card we have for achieving these goals and reporting our progress (tracking and keeping ourselves accountable).

We have reached our time limit, Lisa shared she had more questions and comments. A second work session for continuing our work on the Strategic plan was decided upon. n Audrey also suggested that everyone go into the Strategic Plan draft and add comments to the document. Work session after school, in person, 3:15 Wednesday January 12th @ 3:15.

Information items: Recap of last work session: Go team met to discuss replacing a parent member that resigned. The vacancy will be filled for 2021-23. We also discussed the process for filling board seats at the same meeting.

Community meeting regarding the signature program was held December 1. The two options presented were IB and STEM/STEAM. Dr. Bockman made a strong case for STEAM/STEM because of the work they have been doing at Midtown high. Several schools shared their progress with STEM/STEAM. There was also a discussion on IB that would impact GATE and other pull out models, which are not allowed in the IB signature program. There was a suggestion that teachers need more time and training for implementation of a new program because teachers are also implementing the new APS priorities at this time.

VII. Announcements

- **Next Meeting - Work Session- in person at MES (Media Center) - Wed. Jan. 12th @3:13**
- **Next Regular Meeting - Wed. Jan. 26th @ 5pm**

VIII. Public Comment - No one was present in the Zoom waiting room for public comment.

IX. Adjournment

Motion made by: Shannon; Seconded by: Aisha

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:05

Minutes Taken By: Wendy Westwood

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: January 26, 2022

Meeting Minutes