

Meeting Minutes

Morningside Elementary School

Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2022

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: 5:03 p.m

II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Audrey Sofianos	Present
Parent/Guardian	Victor Kucek	Present
Parent/Guardian	Lisa Olmsted	Present
Parent/Guardian	Shannon Thibodeau	Present
Instructional Staff	Stephanie Felton	Absent
Instructional Staff	Lynn Slater	Absent
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 protocol for public comment.

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Public Comment, a community member requested a delay in the vote for the budget. This member expressed concern on the impact of the budget and

Add teachers to grades 2 and 4 after a review of the data. She also requested that the Go Team meeting not be scheduled on the same night as board meetings.

IV. Action Items

A. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion made by Shannon; Seconded by Emre

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

B. Approval of Previous Minutes (January 26, 2022): Motion made by Shannon; Seconded by Barbara

- Both meeting minutes were approved in one vote.

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

C. Approval of Previous Minutes (February 9, 2022):

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

D. Approve MES FY 2023 budget: Motion made by ; Seconded by

Audrey shared the budget information and the changes from last time. She shared the final budget slide show for the Budget Process. We have looked at data and reviewed the strategic plan in order to create the budget. The new budget earned a little bit of extra money due to our size. She also reviewed the main focuses for our budget, including focusing on closing the achievement gap, helping teachers and supporting families. The money for materials was increased a little, the money was moved from sub funds. The stipends for teachers and staff

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were increased and there are also required positions for the signature program. We also needed to fully fund a full time paraprofessional for the PE program.

The budget cuts that need to be made are eliminating one coach position and the STEAM teacher position. But that position has been folded into the signature program specialist position. There will be an elimination of 3 building paraprofessional positions.

Lisa asked about losing the STEAM teacher. Does this mean that the STEAM will be incorporated in the daily classroom learning. The signature program person will help implement this program. Victor asked a question about teacher bonuses. Does this budget include bonuses for teachers? Audrey explained that there is no bonus for teachers but the stipends are paid to teachers for doing work outside the classroom. Victor asked about bonuses for teachers that achieved certain testing scores. Audrey explained that there isn't a bonus program for teachers allowed in the budget but it is an option that can be explored.

Shannon asked about the Program Specialist and if the funding was going to be allocated for training teachers on STEAM or if that will be provided by the district. Audrey explained the professional learning opportunities provided by the district and how the cluster and foundation can supplement the implementation of STEAM at MES.

Victor asked about the possibility of the two teachers requested during public comment. Audrey shared the material and supplies for the teachers and the sub budget was lowered, so there isn't enough in the general fund budget. Audrey then shared that the parent liaison, instructional coach and paraprofessional comes from the CARES money. We are still short in the budget by about 4,000 for an additional teacher.

Emre asked about a budget line per student. How does this number compare to previous years? There is 9,281 per pupil budget. Lisa will look up previous years so we can compare the per pupil budget from the general fund. Lisa found the per pupil budget from last year, it was 8,216. Lisa asked about having an odd number of teachers a

Motion to approve the budget made by: Barbara Seconded by: Shannon

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

V. Discussion Items

A. Discussion Item 1: Principal Report:

Audrey shared the data for the Winter MAP scores for grades and then by subgroups. The data reported is for 2nd-5th grade. Barbara asked if the differences we see in subgroups is bigger than in years past. Audrey also shared the subgroups by grade. In second grade there is a concern with student meeting the district average in Reading. Audrey also highlighted the gains in Special Education in Reading and Math.

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Audrey also shared growth toward targets met by students based on MAP scores and the MAP generated target for each student from August to December. Then Audrey shared the National Norms Quintiles of Achievement for the MAP.

Audrey also shared the Spring ACES review. This included Attendance, behavior. She also shared the splatted mat quadrant. First grade exceeded their growth targets. She also shared the instruction strategies and differentiation.

B. Family Engagement Committee Report

Shannon shared the information from the Feb. 15th meeting. Approximately, 27 people attended the meeting. The budget was shared at that meeting. One parent shared the value of an instructional coach. There were also questions about the program specialist position and what that will look like. Feedback included that many attendees wanted Go Team to formalize a response to aps regarding the 4/5 academy. They also suggested that there be some sort of pulse check on the MES community, possible survey? There was a brief discussion of the two new aps proposals on the use of the Inman building. Possible split campus for Springdale Park, or adding an additional k-5 school in the cluster. I didn't catch the second option mentioned.

Between now and our next meeting Shannon will hold another Family Engagement meeting to get feedback on the two new options. Audrey shared that someone will be coming to our next meeting to discuss the new possible uses for the Inman building. Cluster meeting is next week on March 9th that will focus on STEAM and the master facilities plan.

VI. Information Items

VII. Announcements

- Final GO Team meeting in April 12
- Cluster Advisory Meeting March 9
- March 10 meeting
- Midtown Cluster meeting March 22
- Final Phase 1 Facilities Master Plan Recommendation: April 15
- First Read of Phase 1 Facilities Master Plan Recommendation: May 2
- Board of Education Vote for Phase 1 Facilities Master Plan Recommendation: June 6

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IX. Adjournment: Motion made by Emre; Seconded by Barabara

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

ADJOURNED AT: 6:25

Minutes Taken By: Wendy Westwood

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: April 12, 2022

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