

Morningside Elementary School

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2021

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 PM

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	absent (5:23)
Community Member	Max Weiss	absent
Community Member	Barbara Crum	present (5:04)
Swing Seat	Yolanda Foreman	present

Quorum Established: Yes

Action Items

- A. **Approval of Amended Agenda:** Motion made by: Marva; Seconded by: Yolanda

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; Seconded by: Shannon

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

C. Vote on updates to Strategic Priorities

Motion made by: Marva; seconded by: Yolanda

Members Approving: Audrey, Lisa, Shannon, Marva, Lynn, Barbara, Yolanda

Members Opposing: Randy

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

Discussion Items

A. Discussion Item 1: Report from work session

We discussed strong support for the existing strategic priorities, but tweaking the wording in a way that will include the social / emotional priorities for students given the changes that have taken place over the last year. Barbara, Wendy and Lisa planned to work on this separately with the deadline of having something to the team for review before our regular meeting on January 19. Shannon will continue with the Family Engagement Committee, and Audrey with the FELT group as additional opportunities for community feedback into the current priorities and the proposed updates. *This discussion took place during Action Item C, above.*

B. Discussion Item 2: Review updates to the Strategic Priorities

Report from meeting with Barbara, Lisa and Wendy to revise wording of first strategic priority to include SEL language and presented the wording updates that came out of that meeting. Discussed how to measure the outcomes, if this is included with the wording “data-driven”. Principal Sofianos explained that student climate scores can be captured to measure this, and there is some baseline data from last year. Randy expressed concern that the team should stick with the existing strategic priorities to help focus resources and communicate with the community. Reviewed why MES has two Strategic Priorities in addition to the School Priorities in the Strategic Plan. This is because MES had achieved most of the goals in the Strategic Plan and needed to have priorities to focus the budget while the District finalized the APS plan. The Go Team office will work with schools this year to update their full strategic plan. Wendy spoke from a teacher perspective that teachers incorporate a lot of SEL into the classroom every day, and gave examples of how teachers use this as part of their teaching tools. *This discussion took place during Action Item C, above.*

Information Items

A. Principal’s Report:

Letters went out to parents on Friday. More information will go out tomorrow regarding delivery teachers. The model for delivery teachers is to remain flexible so, if a closure were to happen, the students would go back to their original teacher. Morningside has above average numbers of students returning and teachers selecting to telework. STEM, technology, Spanish teachers will all become classroom teachers. A school-wide reevaluation will take place two weeks after students return for face to face instruction.

A care room has been set up for students with Covid symptoms. They will be held there until a parent can pick them up. Special buses will transport kids whose parents are unable to pick them up. Nurse Petty will be involved.

Construction update: Everything is on schedule. Work will begin in February. *Principal’s report was moved to the first item on the agenda during the meeting, ahead of discussion/action on strategic priorities.*

B. Family Engagement Committee Report

Nineteen people attended including members of the PTA and Foundation. Held as an informal conversation. Some felt current goals didn’t include equity component. Shannon let them know that this was discussed with the Go Team and

they felt that since it says ALL students that that was the equity component. Participating families questioned whether the 2nd priority addressed the learning GAP that students are feeling due to shortened days and asynchronous Wednesdays. They also discussed ways to maintain teachers and help the teachers feel supported.

C. Grady CAT Report

Continue to align the cluster strategic plan with district strategic plan. Want to review strategic priorities and objectives. Will discuss best practices for schools across the cluster at the next meeting.

Announcements/Public Comment: None

Adjournment

Motion made by: Shannon; Seconded by: Wendy

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:16 PM

Minutes Taken By: Lynn Slater

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: 2 / 9 / 2021