

Morningside Elementary

Date: **August 26, 2025**

Time: **3:00 pm**

- I. Call to order; Start Live Stream - 3:01 PM, by Brian Baron
- II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum – Quorum established by Kristina Davis

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Brian Baron	P
Parent/Guardian	Kristen Cincotta	P
Parent/Guardian	Chapelle Washington Freer	P
Parent/Guardian	John Peterson	A
Instructional Staff	Kristina Davis	P
Instructional Staff	Allison Espelosin	P
Instructional Staff	Jeanette Grier	P
Community Member	Kristen Pollock	P
Community Member		
Swing Seat		

III. Action Items

- A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Kristina Davis; Seconded by Jeanette Grier, motion passed unanimously.
- B. **Fill Vacant Positions**

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Beth Gerrin (present at current meeting), nominated by Brian Baron
GO Team Members In favor	All
GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

Open Position:	Swing Seat
Nominee's Name:	Snehal Patel (present at current meeting), nominated by Brian Baron
GO Team Members In favor	All

GO Team Members Opposed	None
GO Team Members Abstaining	None

- C. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Kristen Cincotta observed that the spelling of Kristen Cincotta and Kristen Pollock were incorrect. Brian Baron said this would be fixed in present and future minutes.
Motion to approve minutes by Allison Espelosin; Seconded by Kristen Cincotta, motion passed unanimously.

D. **Election of Officers and Representatives**

i. **Chair: Result:** Kristina Benavides Davis

Officer Position:	Chair
Nominee Name:	Kristina Benavides Davis
GO Team Members in Favor of Nominee	All in favor

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

ii. **Vice Chair: Result:** Kristen Cincotta

Officer Position:	Vice Chair
Nominee Name	Kristen Cincotta
GO Team Members in Favor of Nominee	All in favor

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

iii. **Secretary: Result:** Allison Espelosin

Officer Position:	Secretary
Nominee Name	Allison Espelosin
GO Team Members in Favor of Nominee	All in favor

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

iv. **Cluster Representative: Result:** Chapelle Washington Freer

Officer Position:	Cluster-Representative
Nominee Name	Chapelle Washington Freer
GO Team Members in Favor of Nominee	All in favor

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

- E. **Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol:** Available link where community members can sign up for public comment. This link closes one minute before the meeting start time. Community members have up to 20 minutes where GO Team members do not interfere with public comment. 4 meetings involving public comment are required, and for major action items that require a GO Team vote. Clear processes will be posted on the GO Team website after this decision. Kristen Cincotta suggests breaking up to 20 minutes into 2 10-minute sessions. Motion to adopt made by Allison Espelosin; Seconded by Kristen Pollock, passed unanimously.

F. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar**

9/17/25, 4:00pm – Fall MAP to share, 10/22/25, 3:00pm, 1/28/26, 4:00pm – first allocation meeting, 2/11/26, 3:00pm – first budget run, 3/4/26, 4:00pm – budget approval, 4/22/26, 3:00pm

Motion to approve meeting calendar by Jeanette Grier, seconded by Chapelle Washington Freer, unanimously approved.

	Date	Time	Virtual or Hybrid	Time for Public Comment? (Yes/No)
1	9/17/25	4:00 pm	Hybrid	Yes
2	10/22/25	3:00 pm	Hybrid	Yes
3	1/28/26	4:00 pm	Hybrid	Yes
4	2/11/26	4:00 pm	Hybrid	Yes
5	3/4/26	4:00 pm	Hybrid	Yes
6	4/22/26	3:00 pm	Hybrid	Yes

G. **Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms:**

This is a meeting of the GO Team. Only members of the team may participate in the discussion. Any members of the public present are here to quietly observe.

We will be fully present.

We will follow the agenda as noticed to the public and stay on task.

We will be respectful of each other at all times.

We will be open-minded.

We invite and welcome contributions of every member and listen to each other.

We will respect all ideas and assume good intentions.

We will approach differences of opinion with curiosity.

Motion to adopt meeting norms made by Chapelle Washington Freer, seconded by Kristen Pollock, passed unanimously.

IV. Discussion Items

A. **Stakeholder Engagement Exercise**

	FAMILIES	STUDENTS	STAFF	COMMUNITY
INFORM What's a fun, unexpected way to keep them in the loop?	Notes in lunch boxes, Grill out for the GO team, table at an event	Student advisory body, student council, video update on announcements, vlog updates	Video update on announcements	Vlog updates, Morningside Neighbor, online suggestion box, MLK Newsletter, Piedmont Heights
INPUT What's a meaningful way to gather their ideas or feedback?	Suggestion forms	Survey, discussion groups	survey	
INVITE How can we bring them into the work, not just the audience?	Provide more clarity before each meeting, presence during BtS, public comment at every meeting	Student voice, student comment? Dear GO Team box, question of the month, test groups, student voice podcasts	Provide more clarity before each meeting, presence during BtS, blog entry	Provide more clarity before each meeting, blog entry, public comment at every meeting, QR codes around the community

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Update

- i. New district strategic plan – Accountability, Boldness, Consistency.
- ii. Brian Baron shared student numbers, we are down 24 students across the school. This may not be sustainable based on budget decisions. The current budget is being maintained due to our high reserve budget, we only have \$24,654 left in reserves to go into the supply line.
- iii. APS Personal Electronic Device Policy stating that phones must be put away for the entire school day. This will become law next year. Midtown Elementary Cluster letter has gone out to families stating that all smart watches and devices will be put away for the entire Midtown Elementary Cluster. A warning is given first, device held, then consequence per code of conduct of APS.

- B. **APS Forward 2040 –Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan Update:** Task force meetings in May and August. Communication is being sent from the Superintendent for feedback and suggestions regarding the long range plan.

VI. Announcements

- A. G3 Summit will be September 27th. New GO Team members will have to engage in GO Team training which should be completed before October.

- VII. Adjournment** - Motion made by Kristen Pollock; Seconded by Allison Espelosin, passed unanimously at 4:19 PM.

ADJOURNED AT 4:19 PM

Minutes Taken By: [Kristina Benavides Davis](#)

Position: [Interim Secretary](#)

Date Approved: