

## Meeting Minutes

**Morningside Elementary School**

**Date: March 9, 2021**

**Time: 5:04**

**Location: Zoom Call for GO Team & Public Comment**

**Live Streamed for Community at <https://www.facebook.com/MorningsideElementary>**

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
Student (High Schools)		

**Roll Call; Quorum Established**

**Public Comment:**

1. MES has a unique situation with a high number of families electing face to face and a high number of teachers on telework. Request for more teachers and substitutes to serve the Face to Face students, Virtual Students and provide intervention, and use CARES money now if needed.
2. Students lost specialized intervention teachers while GATE services continued. Please identify resources and use them for intervention and to bolster virtual offering.

3. Would like Face to Face five days a week for elementary students even if middle and high school are not five days per week

### Action Items

**A. Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Marva; Seconded by Barbara

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

**Motion: Passes**

**B. Approval of Previous Minutes: March 1, 2021**

Motion made by Barbara; Seconded by Yolanda

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

**Motion: Passes**

**C. Approve FY 21-22 Budget:** Motion made by Randy; Seconded by Barbara

Discussion around whether the Go Team can / should add a priority around staffing prioritization. Per Go Team office, updates to the strategic priorities should occur before the budget process. Discussion that the strategic priorities should reflect academic goals for students whether they are in-person or virtual. Per Ms Sofianos, budget for 2021-2022 is being built based on a 5 day/week face-to-face model. With that in mind, the school will be adequately staffed to support face-to-face instruction. CARES II Funding is intended to be used for the 2021-22 year, not the current year. Teachers expressed support for the new positions (Instructional coach and Parent liaison) to help with barriers in reaching parents and to help teachers with resources to reach kids at different levels and any intervention that happens in the classroom.

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: Passes

## Information Items

1. Principal's Report - Fourth Quarter face to face and virtual updates; Staffing; Resources

January-March - 60% F2F, 40% virtual (477 students in building)

Beginning March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 73% F2F, 27% virtual (587 students F2F, 221 students virtual). Second-highest in-person site on one campus. Three elementary schools with higher percent return, but all three have dual campuses.

Working to develop creative ideas. Goal continues to be as many students, as many days as possible. Plan will be presented to the community on Friday.

MES is facing challenges with staffing. They are trying to hire additional permanent subs. There are currently no subs available.

PPE & Supplies: Air purifiers in every room (cost \$6,000)

- Take home tool kits (cost \$13,000)
- Masks available for students and teachers
- District replenishing supplies on Wednesdays
- Face shields purchased for teachers

Hybrid could be used for specific grades, even down to specific teachers within a grade level.

Need to plan based on the resources the school currently has, rather than anticipated resources because the plan needs to be released by Friday.

60% Calculation current understanding from APS is the 60% is based on current enrollment.

Discussion of request received of Go Team to re-examine budget to free up funding for additional staff. Per Go Team Office, once the budget is approved, unless some change is required by APS, there is no process to go back and re-evaluate the approved budget.

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Clarifying the role of the Go Team (using Go Team / Principal Roles Information from Orientation) will help clarify the role of the Go Team. Roles of Go Team will be posted to the MES Go Team web site.

**Announcements** - March 18<sup>th</sup> - Grady CAT meeting

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Go Team Meeting

Go Team Candidate Declaration window is still open

**Public Comment:**

1. MES has space and money but not enough staff and no subs available. Are parent volunteers going to be allowed in the school during the fourth quarter?

**Adjournment** Motion made by Marva; Seconded by Barbara

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

**Motion: Passed**

**ADJOURNED AT 6:21**

**Minutes Taken By:** Lynn Slater

**Position:** Secretary

**Date Approved:** 4-13-21