

Morningside Elementary School

Date: 5/6/2024

Time: 5:00

Location: Virtual via Zoom

- I. Call to order: 5:07**
- II. Chair – Brooke Linefsky**
- III. Roll Call**

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Audrey Sofianos	X
Parent/Guardian	Ben Knaebel	X
Parent/Guardian	Jen Lieb	X
Parent/Guardian	Brooke Linefsky	X
Instructional Staff	Carla Daniels	
Instructional Staff	Amelia Morel	X
Instructional Staff	Allison Espelosin	
Community Member	Betsy McKay	X
Community Member	Rob Schuler	X
Swing Seat	Kareem Hall	X

Quorum Established: Yes

- I. Action Items**
 - A. Approval of Agenda Motion made by: Kareem Hall Morel Seconded by: Amelia Morel
Members Approving: All Present Members
Members Opposing: None
 Motion: Passed
 - B. Approval of Previous Minutes Motion made by: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Kareem Hall
Members Approving: All Present Members
Members Opposing: None
Members Opposing: None
 Motion: Passed

Discussion Items

A. Principal Report & Discussion

- Principal Sofianos presented a 2024 data dig to start to form the strategic plan and continuous improvement plan
- Presented the overview of grades 2-5 MAP scores, looked at how we have done for the last four test administrations
- Presented the current second graders and how they compared across the district
- Based on proficient and above - Morningside falls in the top for reading
- Discussion around the differences in the district schools and their programming as well as student composition which impacts scores
- Principal Sofianos presented data on different sub-groups found in the school population.
- Special education sub-group data in reading and math presented and first she explained how special education accommodations work in regard to testing
- ESOL data was presented - our ESOL students are performing lower than district average, making this an area of improvement we want to look more into
- ESOL students also scored lower in math
- Data presented how students of different ethnicities scored on reading and math assessments
- Principal Sofianos asked for questions or input regarding areas we want to look closer at as we create the continuous improvement and strategic plans –
 - Are there kids that seem to be a consistent group of underperforming students or just kids that move in and out of different performance levels throughout the year?
 - What does the student growth data look like versus overall achievement data?
 - Why are our ESOL students underperforming in the district with MAP scores
 - How do we better balance ESOL direct English instruction with mastery of the grade level standards
 - Looking at the culture of testing piece to support our emphasis on the whole child as we work on plans

Informational Items:

- Principal Sofianos presented the GO Team election results
- Parents are Kristen Cincotta and Chappelle Washington Freer and Teachers are Kristina Benavides Davis and Allison Espelosin
- Rolling off the GO Team: Carla Daniels, Jen Lieb, Rob Schuler, Ben Knaebel
- Budget Update: The district will be implementing budget cuts due to a combination of factors.
- There are changes to the school reserves – MES had funds for the equivalent of a teacher salary in reserves, the district is cutting the reserve amount for schools by a little more than half which changes how we would spend that money
- However, if there is any left-over money from not staffing funds for FY24 it can be carried over
- Midtown Cluster Meeting Information – Principal Sofianos attended

- Discussed STEAM rollout across the cluster
- Many schools are holding different STEAM activities
- Several schools are looking at STEAM certification, there are only 3 staff across the state who certify schools which is challenging.
- Working on collaborative STEAM activities across the cluster
- Also discussed the family engagement cross school activities and how to continue to plan activities to promote community across the cluster

Announcements:

- Next meeting is in the organizational meeting end of July or early August

Adjournment

A. Motion made by: Ben Knaebel Seconded by: Rob Schuler

Members Approving: All Present Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion: Passes

ADJOURNED AT: 5:56pm

Minutes Taken By: [Jennifer Lieb](#)

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: [8-21-24](#)