

## Morningside Elementary School

Date: **2/5/2024**

Time: **5:04**

Location: **Virtual via Zoom**

- I. Call to order: 5:04
- 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	X
Instructional Staff	Amelia Morel	X
Instructional Staff	Allison Espelosin	X
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: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Jen Lieb  
 Members Approving: All Present Members  
 Members Opposing: None  
 Motion: Passed
- B. Approval of Previous Minutes Motion made by: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Carla Daniels  
 Members Approving: All Present Members  
 Members Opposing: None  
 Members Opposing: None  
 Motion: Passed

## Discussion Items

### A. Principal Report & Discussion

- Principal Sofianos Presentation for the Budget Feedback Meeting
- Presentation is posted on the GO Team Website
- Midtown principals have met, Principal Sofianos will have a staffing conference with APS leadership upcoming
- Principal Sofianos's presentation included the priorities and the hiring/budget implications of addressing those priorities
- The plans presented include keeping three positions currently funded by CARES money, an Instructional coach, paraprofessional and parent liaison; addition of a teacher to reduce class sizes, STEM Lab teacher and school resource officer
- The team engaged in conversation around what the comfortable number of instructional coaches for teachers is – what is the balance between support and having overwhelming assistance for teachers
- Discussion regarding changing the master teacher position to the instructional coach position
- Continued discussion regarding the role of the master teacher – more student interaction vs. instructional coach more teacher interaction
- Teachers on the GO Team felt strongly that it is important to keep the position student interactive and that the current model from the current school year is working
- Especially if there is a chance that the district will fund an additional literacy instructional coach
- Next meeting the GO will vote on the Budget

### Information Items:

- The SIP and School Improvement Plan are currently sitting to the side, and we can tweak/complete work on them if we want after the budget process – the pieces needed for the budget process have been voted on and finalized
- District CAT work session - a lot of information provided during the meeting regarding STEAM. Ben will present at the March meeting
- Wednesday 2-7 – District Literacy for All Meeting – information will be provided on what APS is proposing to do to train teachers in the science of reading and the structured literacy model

### Announcements:

- Next Meeting Date GO Team – must complete all district budget training in order to vote in March
- Declarations from the GO Team candidacy are open until February 28<sup>th</sup>. MES will need to elect both parent and teacher representatives. Visit [APSstrongschools.com](https://apsstrongschools.com) to declare candidacy
- Next Meeting – March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm – Hybrid In-Person/Zoom

### Public Comment

Ann Marie DeBacker – Budgeting for a STEM Lab teacher for SY 24-25

## Adjournment

A. Motion made by: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Kareem Hall

Members Approving: All Present Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion: Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT: 6:22pm**

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**Minutes Taken By:** [Jennifer Lieb](#)

**Position:** Secretary

**Date Approved:** [\[Insert Date When Approved\]](#)