

Morningside Elementary School

Date: 11/13/2023

Time: 5:04

Location: Virtual via Zoom & In-Person

- 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	
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: Kareem Hall
 Members Approving: All Present Members
 Members Opposing: None
 Motion: Passed
- B. Approval of Previous Minutes Motion made by: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Rob Schuler
 Members Approving: All Present Members
 Members Opposing: None
 Members Opposing: None
 Motion: Passed

Discussion Items

A. Principal Report

- Principal Sofianos Presentation on strategic priorities
 - Reviewed the Strategic Priorities identified last year
1. Eliminating the Achievement Gap
 - Reviewed some of the work occurring in the classrooms like small groups and targeted learning goals to work toward the strategic priorities – beginning with closing the achievement gap
 - Hired a new Master Teacher Leader this school year
 - Tutoring and Mentoring programs are beginning – there will be an afterschool tutorial program for identified students/subgroups
 - Students mentoring program will begin in January
 2. Transition to MES
 - Still working on strategizing to complete all the move in tasks and details
 3. STEAM
 - Working on STEAM programs and initiatives, like One Fair, Year-Long Garden Project, E-Sports, STEAM Team planning time
 4. Individual Student Needs
 - Innovate to receive services for EIP in the classroom for grades K-3. 3D time which is extra intervention or enrichment for students
 5. Motivate and Retain Staff, Teacher Leadership/Wellness
 - MES won an award for teacher retention 83% of staff stayed at MES
Teacher planning days, teacher lunch out, APS added wellness days

Activity/Discussion

- Discussed the importance of sustainability of the initiatives, like the reading program that we may partner with, and Master Teacher Leader and Instructional Coach
- Possibility of adding class size to the strategic plan being that we are we are looking at initiatives where teachers work on one-on-one goals having the class size that makes this possible and sustainable
- The idea of grabbing different pieces of data to look at a full picture of how students are doing
- Looking big picture/small picture and ways to communicate these goals and growth to families so they have a better understanding of what their child is accomplishing c
- Created a list of suggestions for items that we may want to include in the strategic plan
- Kareem Hall Presented the Committee Establishment Resolution – proposes the MES GO Team has a Family Engagement Committee consisting of the principal, GO Team members, and additional parents
- Discussion followed regarding whether a committee was the right means to gather community feedback and support

- Some concern presented on how committee members would be chosen, the formal role the committee would have in providing feedback and the goals of the committee
- GO Team was in favor of a committee where parents could come and provide insight and support on pertinent topics, but not sure how this should operate
- Suggestion was made to have a GO Team member serve as a parent liaison and run informational meetings where parents can gather information about the GO Team's work as well as provide feedback and insight
- Further discussion will be had on this at the next meeting

Announcements: Next Meeting Date

- A. Working session on Monday, December 4th to discuss strategic priorities and budget implications
- B. Two different surveys from APS are out now - on the school calendar and on family engagement. Look for links to these on the MES webpage.
- C. Next Meeting Date - 5:00pm December 11th. This meeting will be virtual with both in-person and virtual attendance option.

Adjournment

- A. Motion made by: Amelia Morell Seconded by: Ben Knaebel
Members Approving: All Present Members
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion: Passes

ADJOURNED AT: 6:28 pm

Minutes Taken By: Jennifer Lieb

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]