

DT Howard Middle School

Date: April 22, 2025

Time: 4:45 - 6:00 PM

Recording:

https://www.youtube.com/live/HE_xBCU38aM?si=KW5VYKwEqg3zVp6Y

- I. Call to order: 4:49pm
- II. Roll Call: Quorum Established: YES

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Tekeshia Hollis	Present
Parent/Guardian	Doug Brooks	Present
Parent/Guardian	Deonne Malick El-Deiry	Present
Parent/Guardian	Shalanda Miller	Present
Instructional Staff	Regina Bryant	Present
Instructional Staff	Sudie Nolan	Present
Instructional Staff	Marquita Moore	Present
Community Member	Heena Patel	Present
Community Member	Boyd Baker	Absent
Swing Seat	Andrew Anglin	Present

III. Action Items

- A. Shalanda Miller proposed adding 2 discussion items; Spring MAP Data and Needs Assessment and GO Team Election in Information Section.
- B. **Approval of Amended Agenda:** Motion made by: Nolan; Seconded by: Bryant
Members Approving: 8
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion passes

- C. **Approval of March 11, 2025 Minutes:** Motion made by: **Moore**; Seconded by: **Anglin**
Members Approving: 8
Members Opposing: 0
Members Abstaining: 0
Motion Passes

IV. Public Comment

1. Shalanda Miller informed the GO Team she received a public comment on March 3, 2025 from Gene DeAmico (*please note spelling may be incorrect*) encouraging the Howard Go Team to consider use of Yonder Pouches.
2. Principal Hollis read allowed a parent/family member public comment regarding challenges with phone away at Howard and support for Midtown Yonder pouches.
3. Principal Hollis read a second public comment submitted via Google Forms regarding concerns with digital distractions and further support for reduction of personal electronic devices while at school, with emphasis on social development and academic development

V. Discussion Items

A. **Discussion Item 1: Personal Devices**

- i. Ms Miller reviewed the request from the community for a survey regarding personal devices. The GO Team reviewed a current draft of a parent survey and staff survey (see attached, Version 1 documents) that was compiled by community member Hayley Johnson. The GO Team discussed processes in which a survey could be distributed and how the GO Team could assist with this process. Ms Malick suggested the Go Team review the drafts of two surveys (parent and staff) and provided suggested edits (see attached, Version 2 documents) to Principal Hollis during the meeting. Go Team will provide this updated draft with GO Team suggestions to Principal Hollis. Principal Hollis agreed to distribute a parent and staff survey regarding personal electronic devices and provide the data at an upcoming principal coffee as well as review the survey data to help guide any updates to the SY25/26 Away for the Day Guidelines at Howard MS prior to the school year. GO Team briefly discussed **HB 340 Distraction-Free Education**: <https://www.legis.ga.gov/legislation/70072> regarding K-8 devices at school, as well as the current APS current Policy & Regulation (please find attached). Both Principal Hollis and Ms Malick expressed district guidance and potential updates to APS Policy,

Regulation and Student Handbook/Discipline are suspected secondary to HB340.

Current APS BOE Policy & Regulation, as of the date of this meeting, regarding personal electronic devices may be found in the appendix or the most updated version will be found on the [APS BOE Policy Website](#).

1. **APS Board of Education:** Board Policy JCDAF: Use of Electronic Devices by Students
2. **APS Superintendent Regulation:** Regulation JCDAF-R(1): Use of Electronic Devices by Students - Student Possession of Cell Phones and Electronic Devices

B. **Discussion Item 2 & 3:** [2025 Spring MAP Results & Needs Assessment were presented](#) (start on slide 5, timer 50:47). Please refer to the presentation slides for a summary of the data that was discussed and provided.

VI. Information Items

A. **Midtown Cluster Advisory Team (CAT) Representative's Report** (start timer 1:23:00)

i. **SY25/26 Budget Concerns:** Midtown CAT called a Special Meeting on February 17, 2025 regarding SY25/26 Budget Concerns. Recording of this meeting may be found on the [Midtown CAT website](#). A letter (see attached) was sent on April 14, 2025 on behalf of the Midtown CAT to the district summarizing Midtown Cluster budget concerns.

ii. **Midtown CAT Engagement Committee** update: three engagements SY24/25

1. December 16, 2024 Test & Assessment Engagement
2. March 25, 2025 Data Dig
3. Wednesday May 7, 2025 Safety, Security & Discipline
 - a. Virtual Meeting Via Zoom 6:30-7:30pm
 - b. ZOOM REGISTRATION: <http://tinyurl.com/4hxcstzv>
 - c. FEEDBACK: <http://tinyurl.com/44c66a5y>

iii. **Facilities Master Plan Task Force**

1. Each GO Team has a member on this Task Force, Shalanda Miller was asked as Howard GO Team Chair and accepted the position.
2. Community Members were also able to express interest to join the task force, and the district will select additional members from this list.
 - a. *Update: following the 4/22/25 Go Team meeting the district sent out invites for Community Seats on the Facilities Master Plan Task Force, Deonne Malick El-Deiry accepted an invite. When a full list of task force members is*

provided to GO Teams it will be shared with the Howard community.

b. Tentative Meeting Dates for FMP Task Force:

- i. May 8: FMP #1: State of the Schools, Vision, and Timeframe
- ii. August 5: FMP #2: Present Options
- iii. October 9: FMP #3: Present Recommendations

iv. **Test & Assessment District Task Force**

- 1. Final Meeting this week, Deonne Malick sits on that committee and has been providing input from the Howard community. Please continue to provide input via the GO Team. Principal Hollis also sits on the Staff District Task Force for Test & Assessment.

B. GO Team Elections: Go Team Elections: Shalanda Miller reminded the deadline for election. Check email for voting instructions.

C. Principal Hollis Updates: (slide 21, timer 1:26:30) Principal Hollis gave updates on STEAM, attendance, demographics, discipline, calendar, end of the year, awards, recognitions, facilities updates (field and gym lights), thank yous and testing schedule.

VII. Public Comment

- A. [Keedar Whittle](#) spoke of his interest in being elected as a GO Team member, parent seat, in the current election.
- B. [Jason Langbehn](#) spoke of his interest in being elected as a GO Team member, staff seat, in the current election.
- C. [Marquita Moore](#) spoke to her interest in being elected as a GO Team member, in the current election.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Moore](#); Seconded by: [Patel](#)

Members Approving: 8

Members Opposing: 0

Members Abstaining: 0

Motion [Passes](#)

ADJOURNED AT 6:30pm

Minutes Taken By: [Deonne Malick El-Deiry](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [August 7, 2025](#)