

Mary Lin Elementary

Date: **April 13, 2022**

Time: **6:15 pm**

Location: **Virtual via Zoom**

I. Call to order: **6:19 pm**

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Sharyn Briscoe	Present
Parent/Guardian	Coleman Eaton	Present
Parent/Guardian	Emily Kotzan	Present
Parent/Guardian	Katrina Fuller	Present
Instructional Staff	Molly Campbell	Present
Instructional Staff	Patricia Derrico	Present
Instructional Staff	Ann Gabbert	Present
Community Member	Elly Bookman	Present
Community Member	Ann Weidert	Present
Swing Seat	Katie Zubrowski	Present

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

a. **Amendment of the Proposed Agenda: Passes**

Motion to add Discussion of Facilities Masterplan to the Agenda made by: **Katrina Fuller**; Seconded by: **Emily Kotzan**

Members Approving: **6**

Members Opposing: **None**

Members Abstaining: **None**

Motion Passes

b. **Approval of March 3 Meeting Minutes: Passes**

Motion made by: **Anne Weidert**; Seconded by: **Coleman Eaton**

Members Approving: **8**

Members Opposing: **None**

Members Abstaining: **None**

Motion Passes

c. **Approval of March 9 Meeting Minutes: Passes**

Motion made by: **Katrina Fuller**; Seconded by: **Coleman Eaton**

Members Approving: 8
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

IV. Public Comment: *No Public Comment*

V. Discussion Items:

a. Facilities Master Plan: Gathering of MLE GO Team Questions and Feedback

As background, Principal Briscoe reviewed the two proposed scenarios for the future of the Inman Building and how each would impact the Mary Lin community.

The Inman Facility would either become a new K-5 or part of a dual campus with SPARK.

- In Scenario 1, Inman Park would move to SPARK (159 students).
- In Scenario 2, there would be no changes to Mary Lin

APS is requesting direct input from all involved GO Teams. APS GO Team School Liaison Diane Jacobi is present to record questions and concerns of GO Team members.

Member Emily Kotzan expressed her strong wish to keep the Mary Lin community together. She hopes that Mary Lin could be more vocal about keeping the Inman Park neighborhood. As for long term, she is concerned with APS's decision to remove Centennial Academy Charter from the Midtown cluster.

Discussion turned the impact Scenario 1 could present to the school budget. Principal Briscoe explained that by using the SSFI model, the school receives \$4,400 for each student and, therefore, losing 159 students would certainly affect the school budget. She inquired as to why Mary Lin, with a low projected enrollment, is involved in the discussion at all.

Anne Weidert asked for clarification regarding the two scenarios and expressed her concerns about "grandfathering" students into Mary Lin. At this point no further information is available as to whether current students will be allowed to finish their remaining elementary academic years at their current school.

Concern was also expressed regarding the recent IP Neighborhood Association position paper which took neutral position in selecting the scenarios they supported. Three GO Team members pointed out that the IPNA did not represent a large, vocal portion of the neighbor in this decision. At this point in the meeting, the proposed scenarios were again presented for review.

Patricia Derrico expressed concern regarding the extra space made available by moving the students out of Mary Lin. Principal Briscoe concurred and again reiterated that in no

scenario would Mary Lin be overcrowded in the upcoming years. With overcrowding not an issue at Mary Lin, why would individuals need to be moved into another school.

Katie Zubrowski highlighted the lack of Pre-K options in the Midtown Cluster. She would like for the District to address the possibility of adding additional Pre-K in space made available by this school shift.

The GO Team took turns expressing their support or concerns:

Principal Briscoe is concerned with including Mary Lin in any scenario when it is not overcrowded. She would like Inman Park to stay.

Patricia Derrico preferred the scenario where Mary Lin is not reconfigured.

Coleman Easton supports leaving Mary Lin out of the shift. He does not agree with removing such a large population of the school.

Elly Bookman would like to keep Inman Park at Mary Lin. She also stated her support of adding Inman Park to the Hope-Hill community as it seems like a more natural fit.

Katrina Fuller supports Scenario 2 in which Inman Park remains at Mary Lin.

Emily Kotzan reiterates her support of leaving Mary Lin intact.

Anne Weidert emphasized that the IPNA Education Committee position paper does not represent the majority opinion of the neighborhood.

APS GO Team Office Representative Diane Jacoby captured the GO Team comments, concerns, and questions.

VI. Information Items:

a. Midtown Cluster Signature Program Update

Principal Briscoe shared that fellow cluster school Springdale Elementary recently obtained STEM certification. They are the first in the cluster to do so. Mary Lin is currently working towards STEM accreditation. The Midtown Cluster Representative Emily Kotzan reiterated that no date is set for a final vote on the signature program. A question was asked regarding the difference between STEM and STE(A)M and if there are two separate accrediting agencies for those programs. Principal Briscoe clarified that STE(A)M is a commitment to include the arts as part of the mission.

b. ACES Review

The ACES (Accountability Continuous Improvement Equity Support) presentation will be addressed at the next meeting.

c. Future Agenda Items

GO Team voting results; APS Summer; Mary Lin Updates

VII. Adjournment: Motion made by: [Elly Bookman](#); Seconded by: [Anne Weidert](#)

Members Approving: 7

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 7:18 pm

Minutes Taken By: [Katrina Fuller](#)

Position: [Secretary](#)

Date Approved: (To be approved May 11, 2022)