

Midtown Cluster 2024-2025 Priorities High-Level Status Update

Status Date
February 24, 2025

Cluster Officers: Tamara Jones-Chair, Melissa Clark-Vice-Chair, Lynley Teras-Secretary

Priority 1: Increase family engagement and participation in our Schools

Action Steps:

1. Increase engagement opportunities for families in the cluster, specifically by creating the Family Engagement Sub-Committee which will host three meetings over the course of the school year regarding testing and assessments, security and data review.
2. Reflect, design, plan, and act on how to reach and include more families by creating a virtual component for every meeting and engagement event.

Priority 2: Continue to focus on STEAM in the cluster

Action Steps:

1. Plan a cluster-wide STEAM event and tournament, to take place at VHE with help and collaboration from all cluster schools.
2. The GOteam at each cluster school will present a STEAM report in order to update the community (above just reporting back to CAT).

Status + Highlights

PRIORITY 1 STATUS

NOT STARTED	IN PROGRESS	COMPLETED
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PRIORITY 1 HIGHLIGHTS

Howard already doing most meetings virtually and made sure the awards ceremony was also.

MES: is streaming meetings also offering different times for meetings AM/PM. Also offering some fully virtual versus hybrid

Mary Lin: offering some live stream meetings but is offering recordings of those not being live streamed. Moving next year to various offerings AM/PM. Live streaming Black History Month program on private YouTube

PRIORITY 2 STATUS

NOT STARTED	IN PROGRESS	COMPLETED
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PRIORITY 2 HIGHLIGHTS

SPARK is hosting Midtown Cluster STEAM next Wednesday, February 26 during school day. All of the traditional Midtown Cluster school's STEAM Ambassadors will come together at SPARK. This is by invitation.

Kindezi and Hope Hill 4th graders are collaborating on a project.

New district requirement rubric for STEAM.

Principals are in process of meeting with GADOE Steam.

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PRIORITY 1 HIGHLIGHTS continued

Kindezi: Honey and Tea in person monthly and offering virtual in evenings. Spelling Bee was virtual. Virtual Info sessions for prospective parents in addition this year

Hope Hill: increasing virtual presence. Last principal chat was hybrid. Exceptional students next meeting will be hybrid. Increasing presence in virtual /hybrid options.

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PRIORITY 2 HIGHLIGHTS continued

Individual STEAM Nights: VHE Steam Night March 22, SPARK moved theirs but was the late day, Lin had November 7, Hope Hill has STEAM Night in 3/26, Midtown does not have a special night but has a STEAM Carnival in March, Howard Steam night is Moved to May (TBD), MES has Family Science Night February 4 and 6. Kindezi tied into Literacy night but it is pushed to April.

Calendar: Cluster wide Steam events calendar to be created. Principal Harness will take lead on this.

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VHE: coffee chats are virtual, as well as a few in-person. Better attended virtual via YouTube. School Tours offered 2 a month as well as kindergarten round up. Parents can ask questions during tours via virtual or in person, if able to record will provide this opportunity.

SPARK: limitations with sound system in GYM and streaming virtual to GYM secondary to sound system. All are hybrid if available

Midtown parking restricts in person opportunities thus principal coffee monthly is virtual online. GO Team audio is challenging but working on fixing that.

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