

Midtown Cluster 2024-2025 Priorities High-Level Status Update

Status Date
March 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

STEAM coaches from each cluster ES met with GaDOE Steam coordinator regarding next steps, including APS rubrics that will be used for certification. SPARK leading charge with state visit next year.

STEAM ambassadors from the cluster elementary schools all came together for a great cluster-wide event. Older students from Midtown engaged and helped to teach the younger learners.

Last week Hope Hill had STEAM collaboration playground event. There will be a new STEAM Coordinator for next year. Wednesday is STEAM Night, which is Women using superpowers in STEAM (Superhero/Women's History month focus).

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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 is addition this year

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

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PRIORITY 2 HIGHLIGHTS continued

Midtown is having its third annual steam carnival next week on April 3. Also, Dr. Edwards came out to speak with Dr. Bockman and STEAM coordinator regarding certification, so that process is moving along.

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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