

Midtown Cluster Advisory Team

Meeting #1 Minutes

Date	Time	Location
October 19, 2023	4:30 pm-5:30 pm	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Organizer	Facilitators	Meeting Type
Cluster Advisory Team Strategy & School Governance	Audrey Sofianos Sheletha Y. Champion	Organizational Planning
Meeting Objective & Scope		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm CAT meeting schedule and 2023-2024 priorities. Identify cross-cluster collaboration interest(s). Develop actions to accomplish priorities. 		

I. Roll Call

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	PRESENT (P) or ABSENT (A)	CLUSTER REPRESENTATIVE	PRESENT (P) or ABSENT (A)
Centennial Academy	Ms. Stephanie Hodges Ms. Jessica Olowoyo	Present	N/A	
David T. Howard	Ms. Tekeshia Q. Hollis	Present	Eric Goldberg	Present
Midtown HS	Dr. Betsy Bockman	Present	Jenifer Keenan	Absent
Hope-Hill	Ms. Keisha Gibbons	Present	Ashley Anderson	Absent
Mary Lin	Ms. Sharyn Briscoe	Present	Kristy Perez	Absent
Morningside	Ms. Audrey Sofianos	Present	Ben Knaebel	Absent
Springdale Park	Dr. Jennifer Toney	Present	Tim Langan	Absent
Virginia-Highland	Mr. Terry Harness	Present	N/A	
Kindezi O4W	Ms. Faith Wilbanks	Absent	Ryan Lisbon	Absent

Guests Present: APS Representatives including Associate Superintendent Paul Brown, Keasha Copeland, and Diane Jacobi.

II. Discussion Items

- Cluster | School Updates:** Principals gave updates from each school. Eric Goldberg added an additional update on Howard's GO Team meeting – dominated by Math curriculum. Mary Lin's GO Team had questions for what to cover in the next GO Team meeting and better alignment between Strategic Plan and Continuous Improvement Plan.
- Don't forget the Midtown Cluster String Fling on Oct 24th**

III. Cluster Planning:

- STEAM – Measurement for how STEAM is implemented? Standardization of the labs for each school? Recommendations for Audit of where we are at with each school' STEAM**

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room or lab. STEM specialists can conduct the audit and make a template for it. We can discuss what we will do if there is a discrepancy among schools.

- b. Building cross cluster opportunities, here is what we do presently: Chorus, band and orchestra events, across school professional development for special education, basketball cluster night, Midtown graduates visiting their elementary school during graduation week, Cluster Art night – recommend planning another one2, Cross cluster principal meetings, No Place for Hate Cluster wide event, November 6 Georgia Tech Basketball game Buzzer reader program, Overall increases are the benchmarks for the Cluster involvement

IV. District Announcements: Family engagement conference on November 18th 9am-2pm. Next meeting November 29th.

V. Adjournment

Minutes Taken By: Kristy Perez

Position: Board Chair

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