

Midtown Cluster Advisory Team

Meeting #2 Minutes

Date	Time	Location	
November 29, 2023	4:30 pm-5:30 pm	Microsoft Teams Meeting	
Organizer	Facilitators	Meeting Type	
Cluster Advisory Team Strategy & School Governance	Kristy Perez Sheletha Y. Champion	Planning Status Issues	

Meeting Objective & Scope

- School Highlights + Needs
- Signature Program Updates
- Cluster Plan/Priorities Updates
- District Updates

I. Roll Call

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

Guests Present: David Galban, APS Family Engagement

II. Discussion Items

a. Cluster | School Updates: Each school shared the latest events for students, parents and community.

b. **Cluster Planning**:

- i. STEAM Lab Audit: We want to have an understanding of what each school has available for the students in terms of STEM labs. Framework and Timeline
 - 1. Can we invite the APS person who is over STEM for our cluster to help with this work? Warren Edwards is a contact. Kristy Perez and Sheletha Champion will reach out to him about an audit of STEM labs and materials at each of the schools. We would like to know the standards of a STEM lab and recommendations on what elementary, middle and high school students should have access to for STEM.
 - 2. Is there a standard of service regarding STEM?
 - 3. A meeting will be set up in January.
- ii. Cross Cluster Activities
 - 1. There are many activities already occurring.
 - 2. Awareness and communication of these events could be increased.
 - 3. Cluster Competition for Elementary One Fair?





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- 4. Science Olympiad could also be a competition for the cluster
- 5. VHE is the host for Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl cluster competition in January
- 6. Maybe spread out the events among the cluster, as many of the events happen at high school.
- 7. Play Dates at Each of our Schools? This idea will be taken back to APS Family Engagement.
- 8. Picnic at Piedmont Park with the Entire Cluster and Families? This idea will be taken back to APS Family Engagement.
- III. District Announcements: David Galban shared that the Family Engagement Survey is now open to parents. He also shared about the work on the creation of the Student Bill of Rights. At the end of the Family Engagement Survey, families are asked to fill out the School Calendar Survey which is also open at this time. Sheletha Champion shared information about Parent Cafes, as well as upcoming meetings and surveys that are open. This information is listed in the meeting presentation.

IV. Adjournment at 5:32pm

Minutes Taken By: Audrey Sofianos

Position: Midtown Cluster Advisory Secretary

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