

A meeting of the Morris Brandon Local School Council was held in the Main Conference Room of the Morris Brandon Main Campus, 2741 Howell Mill Road Northwest, Atlanta, GA 30327 on September 9, 2015, at 7:30 am.

School Council Members Present:

Kara Stimpson, Principal
Andy Tuck, Steve Samp, Christy Ziglar, Business Representatives
Sarah Kirsch, John Pemberton, Parent Representatives
Mindy Little, Lauren Ledford, Faculty Representatives

Others Present:

Claire Benedict, PTA Co-President
Laura Balch, PTA Co-President

Eight Council Members were present, representing a quorum.

Ms. Ziglar called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

On a motion by Ms. Kirsch, seconded by Mr. Pemberton, the Council approved the Agenda for the meeting that had previously been posted at the school for review by Brandon stakeholders.

Ms. Stimpson updated the Council regarding current enrollment (1,055) and indicated as a result of APS leveling that Brandon anticipated receiving two additional teachers. She indicated that the plan was to add one Kindergarten home room and that multiple options existed for the second teacher including an additional home room teacher or perhaps an additional math teacher that would be utilized by multiple grades.

Ms. Stimpson discussed with the Council the possibility of a programmatic change for future school years and the introduction of dual immersion classes at Brandon (similar to ones launched at Garden Hills and E. Rivers Elementary schools this school year). She and the Council discussed creating advisory group meetings and seeking parent feedback for a possible program that would initially launch at the Kindergarten level and then eventually move to all grades.

Ms. Stimpson updated the Council regarding the expansion project at the Primary Center. She reiterated that the Primary Center expansion is currently on plan to move the 2nd grade to the Primary Center with the start of the 2016-17 school year.

Ms. Balch and Ms. Benedict updated the Council regarding PTA activities including the Jamboree and the PTA meeting on September 16, as well as plans for Walk to School Wednesday.

Ms. Stimpson discussed with the Council the Georgia Milestones testing from Spring 2015 and the new rating levels for students. She anticipates that the School will receive school level (not individual student) results in October.

Ms. Ziglar discussed with the Council information regarding the APS Charter application, information distributed by APS at a Northern Cluster meeting at Sutton Middle School, as well as discussing Brandon's scheduled Charter System Open House Forum tentatively scheduled for October 14 at 6:30. The school is still awaiting the information from APS administration that is supposed to be presented at the forum

The next scheduled meeting of the council was set for October 14, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. in the main conference room at the Main Campus.

With no further business to come before the Council, on a motion by Mr. Samp, seconded by Mr. Pemberton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 am.