

Meeting Minutes

Morris Brandon Elementary School

Date: **August 20, 2026**

Time: **3:00 PM**

Recording: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_iuEpIDNJho

I. Call to order: **3:07 PM**

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Jay Bland	Present
Parent/Guardian	Erin Boorn	Present
Parent/Guardian	Patty Shenkman	Present
Parent/Guardian	Erica Tuggle	Present
Instructional Staff	Dayana Camacho	Present
Instructional Staff	Michael Forehand	Present
Instructional Staff	Ashley Monroe	Present
Community Member	Ashley Mathis	Present
Community Member	Open	
Swing Seat	Melisa Mejico	Present
Student (High Schools)	Not applicable	
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Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **E. Boorn**; Seconded by: **M. Mejico**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

B. **Fill Vacant Positions**

Vacant Position:	Parent, Staff, or Community
Nominee's Name:	Not Applicable
GO Team Members In favor	Not applicable
GO Team Members Opposed	Not applicable

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GO Team Members Abstaining	Not applicable
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C. **Fill Open Community Member Seat:**

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	OPEN – to be filled at 9/17/2026 meeting
GO Team Members In favor	Not applicable
GO Team Members Opposed	Not applicable
GO Team Members Abstaining	Not applicable

D. *For High Schools:* **Appoint Student Representatives**

Student Representative 1: Not applicable

Student Representative 2: Not applicable

E. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List any amendments to the minutes:* None

Motion made by: **M. Mejico**; Seconded by: **E. Boorn**

Members Approving: None

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

F. **Election of Officers and Representatives**

i. **Chair: Result:** **Ashley Mathis**

Officer Position:	Chair
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Ashley Mathis	All

GO Team Members **Opposed** or who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

ii. **Vice Chair: Result:** **Melisa Mejico**

Officer Position:	Vice Chair
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Melisa Mejico	All

GO Team Members **Opposed** or who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

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iii. Secretary: Result: **Erin Boorn**

Officer Position:	Secretary
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Erin Boorn	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

iv. Cluster Representative: Result: **Michael Forehand**

Officer Position:	Cluster-Representative
Nominee Name	GO Team Members In favor of Nominee
Michael Forehand	All

GO Team Members who **ABSTAINED** from voting: None

- G. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar** (*GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 business meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment*)

	Date	Time	Virtual or Hybrid
1	9/17/2026	3:00 PM	Virtual
2	10/22/2026	3:00 PM	Virtual
3	11/19/2026	3:00 PM	Virtual
4	12/10/2026	3:00 PM	Virtual
5	01/21/2027	3:00 PM	Virtual
6	02/11/2027	3:00 PM	Virtual
7	02/25/2027	3:00 PM	Virtual
8	03/25/2027	3:00 PM	Virtual
9	04/15/2027	3:00 PM	Virtual

H. Review and Approve Public Comment Protocol

Key Considerations	Agreed Protocol
Which meetings will allow for public comment - minimum requirement is at 4 meetings? <i>(All? Every other? Specific ones? Include the specific meeting dates in this table and on the school's GO Team website.)</i>	Every other meeting: 9/17/2026 11/19/2026 01/21/2027 02/25/2027 04/15/2027
How will people sign up/let us know they wish to speak?	Via Public Comment Sign Up form notated on Morris Brandon's GO Team webpage
What is the deadline for people to sign up to speak?	Up to start of public comment time during GO Team meeting
How much time will each person have to speak?	Two minutes
When during the meeting will we have public comment (beginning/end/split)?	End of meeting
Is there anything else we would like to add to our public comment protocol?	Not currently

Motion to adopt made by: **M. Forehand**; Seconded by: **A. Monroe**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

I. Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms

Initial Norms

- This is a meeting of the GO Team. Only members of the team may participate in the discussion. Any members of the public present are here to quietly observe.
- We will be fully present.
- We will follow the agenda as noticed to the public and stay on task.
- We will be respectful of each other at all times.
- We will be open-minded.
- We invite and welcome contributions of every member and listen to each other.
- We will respect all ideas and assume good intentions.
- We will approach differences of opinion with curiosity.

Motion to adopt made by: **A. Mathis**; Seconded by: **E. Boorn**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

A. Stakeholder Engagement Exercise

	FAMILIES	STUDENTS	STAFF	COMMUNITY
INFORM What's a fun, unexpected way to keep them in the loop?	Go into communities to share information; deliver messages through students; create one-pagers with QR codes and send them home on the bus; BeeMail; Friday teacher newsletters; website; fliers	Student morning announcements; student created videos; Bee News; classroom ambassadors; NAHS/SMS collaboration and mentoring; pairing up students (mentors); HIVE rallies	Weekly staff Buzz email; quick video updates from admin; staff meeting "need to know"; QR code resource hub; mentoring program for new staff	Community newsletter (how to distribute); social media; neighborhood/HOA communication; school signage; QR flyers at local businesses; school tours; pre-schools
INPUT What's a meaningful way to gather their ideas or feedback?	Family engagement survey; social media share out; personal outreach assigned by GO Team; open house; back to school night	Student surveys; student council (Jr. Beta); lunch with Principal; new student focus groups; exit tickets are events; teacher input (what excites students); student comment boxes	Public surveys; anonymous suggestion form; PLC feedback; staff listening sessions; leadership team representatives	Community surveys (opportunity to include on all communications); GO Team listening sessions; neighborhood/HOA feedback; business/community partner roundtables
INVITE How can we bring them into the work, not just the audience?	Nominations for GO Team; PTO; Foundation; Room Parents; Principal Coffee Talks	Student council; student ambassadors; peer mentors; student-led assemblies (HIVE); exhibition/service projects; field day helpers; MC back to PC	GO Team; IBLT/ILT; committees; teacher-led PD; staff-led initiatives and clubs	Business partnerships; mentorships; guest speakers; community service projects; sponsor school events; participate in GO Team meetings

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Update

- 968 students including 20 Pre-K; 948 students (excluding Pre-K) versus projected 904, hence additional funding. 187 Kindergarten students. 35.74% of school fall under a sub-group category.
- Estimate receiving \$350K+ funding to assist running buildings, which consists of \$200K carry over reserve from last year because reached student projection, \$150K carried over at the end of last year, and funding for 1+ teachers due to 44 students over projection.
- 15 day enrollment summary is August 21, 2026; will share information during September 17, 2026 meeting.
- DLI Update – overall classroom sizes remaining at 18 to 22 students with exception to Kindergarten DLI, currently at 27 students. Welcomed new Kindergarten Spanish DLI Paraprofessional and will have a professional at

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both PC and MC to support language lab, translanguaging, content bridging and push into DLI classrooms to support where/when needed.

- v. APS PED Policy – adopted Personal Electronic Device policy; no cell phones in school and expanded to include other personal devices such as smartwatches this school year.
- vi. Technology at Morris Brandon – created plan to provide clear expectations of technology use. Morris Brandon’s plan is aligned with District’s plan. Goal is to use to boost and enhance learning. Will learn more about it at Back to School Night.

VI. Announcements New GO Team Member Training and Orientation - please ensure you have completed all required trainings; contact the GO Team Office if any questions.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: **E. Boorn**; Seconded by: **A. Mathis**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:13 PM

Minutes Taken By: **Ashley Mathis**

Position: **Interim Secretary**

Date Approved: **September 17, 2026**