

Meeting Minutes

Morris Brandon ES

Date: **12/10/20**

Time: **3:00pm**

Location: **Video conference via Zoom**

- I. Call to order: 3:04pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Jay Bland	Present
Parent/Guardian	Fran Egan	Present
Parent/Guardian	Patterson Calhoun	Present
Parent/Guardian	Claudia Fotzeu	Present
Instructional Staff	Sam DeCarlo	Absent
Instructional Staff	Maggie Blease	Present
Instructional Staff	Rachel Davis	Present
Community Member	Anna Fiveash	Present
Community Member	Peyton Johnston	Present
Swing Seat	Tamila Jackson Whitaker	Absent

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

a. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to adopt made by: **Fotzeu** Seconded by: **Johnston**

Members Approving: **All**

Members Opposing: **None**

Members Abstaining: **None**

Motion Passes

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion to adopt made by: **Johnston** Seconded by: **Blease**

Members Approving: **All**

Members Opposing: **None**

Members Abstaining: **None**

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. North Atlanta Cluster had a planning meeting yesterday including Tommy Usher and Travis Nordell from APS. Maggie Blease attended on behalf of Morris Brandon GO Team. They looked at how goals aligned with the new Strategic Plan, talked about the focus on equity, and ranked some initial priorities.
- b. Open forum GO Team discussion on APS plan to return to face-to-face instruction (shared by APS on December 3rd)
 - i. What can we do as a community to support the return to in-person learning?

We need to help assemble individual school supply kits by classroom. We will need volunteers to help each homeroom. We are also encouraging parents to carpool instead of bus (the less students on the bus the less mixing of classes). We are encouraging parents who are able to pack lunches to make it easier to eat in the classroom (cafeteria lunches will need to be delivered to classrooms).

- ii. What can we do to help keep our virtual students engaged?

We will look for ways to keep them connected, possibly considering something like a buddy system. Peyton will take the lead on exploring this.

V. Principal's Update

- a. **Our priority now is optimizing virtual learning for the remainder of the semester until we reopen in person in January.**
- b. **Reopening Update**
 - a. Our reopening plan will be tied to our intent-to-return survey results. We expect to have 30-40 virtual students per grade level. Our goal is to allot our virtual teachers to virtual students so we can optimize the virtual experience for those students.
 - b. We are reaching out to families who haven't taken the survey (~50) to ensure they understand their options.
 - c. Per APS, those schools with 60% or greater opting to return for in-person instruction will have flexibility from APS to modify the instructional model; parents should anticipate the likelihood of hybrid schedules. However, Morris Brandon facilities have capacity of 1,300 so we will be well under capacity given current enrollment of ~850. MC would be at 40% and PC would be at 55% based on overall capacity and the prior intent-to-return results from October.
 - d. APS has said the health metric won't be the most important criteria for face-to-face; they are now more focused on mitigation strategies to get students safely back. The focus will be on social distancing within the

classrooms, which we can do at Morris Brandon. The MB Foundation will fund a purchase of desk dividers.

- e. We will keep classes separated. Students will eat lunch in the classrooms and some specials may be virtual. If we have a covid outbreak (defined as 2 or more cases in a classroom) only that classroom will have to quarantine for 7-10 days.
 - f. World Languages Dept is sharing guidelines for DLI. These classes are larger so they will likely move to the larger classrooms, and the paired teachers will move by cart to the other classroom. DLI virtual students will likely have to zoom in to their DLI Spanish teacher for the language supports.
 - g. Students will be encouraged to bring their technology devices to school to use in a limited capacity as needed and avoid shared resources
 - h. Wednesdays will remain asynchronous for the third nine weeks. The building must be empty for deep-cleaning. Also teachers have lost their planning time since they won't have students away from the classrooms for Specials, lunch, etc. so they will need this time to plan lessons for the next week.
- c. **MBES intervention overview for wellness/academic/engagement**
 - a. 168 kids are participating, including all Kindergarten students. It's been going great!
 - d. **Asynchronous Wednesdays began in December**
 - a. Students are continuing to learn, and many students are taking advantage of joining the Specials "clubs" on Wednesdays.

VI. Announcements

- a. The next GO Team meeting will be January 28th at 3pm and is not public comment
- b. Town Hall next Thursday, December 17 at 10am for Principal Bland to help ensure Brandon parents understand the APS return-to-learn plan. (Our school plans won't be finalized until after the intent-to-return survey submission is closed on December 21, so those details won't be available for this meeting.)
- c. Food Drive next Wednesday, December 16 at Main Campus from 11am-2pm in support of Operation Feed
 - i.

VII. Public Comment

- a. None

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: **Davis**

Seconded by: **Blease**

Members Approving: all

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Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:27pm

Minutes Taken By: Fran Egan

Position: GO Team Secretary

Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]