

Meeting Minutes

Morris Brandon ES

Date: 2/19/20

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Location: PC Gym

- I. Call to order: 3:05pm
- II. Roll Call

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

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

a. Approval of Agenda

Motion to adopt made by: **Fiveash** Seconded by: Davis

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

b. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** With APS iPad rollout for 1st and 2nd grades some parents in the community have mentioned a concern with too much screen time in the classroom. (Parents can opt out of bringing iPads home). Next steps:
 - i. Considering fielding a parent survey to get input
 - ii. We are mindful that we want kids comfortable with technology as testing is done on computers
 - iii. We may investigate setting guidelines on technology time in the classroom
- b. **Discussion Item 2:** APS Strategic Planning meeting recap
 - i. APS is revising school capacity based on SSF and currently they do not show Brandon facilities as being near capacity limits:
 1. Brandon MC capacity set at 804 (56% utilized currently)
 2. Brandon PC capacity set at 650 (78% utilized currently)
 - ii. APS will revisit facilities planning every 5 years in conjunction with SPLOST
 - iii. Next series of APS Facilities Meetings will offer some options for public discussion

V. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report – Budget Review**
 - i. 2020-2021 budget shortfall of \$323,886 based on APS SSF formula
 - ii. Mr. Bland prioritized keeping class sizes small and keeping 43 homerooms flat
 - iii. In support of strategic plan priorities, we are also growing our EIP specialists to allow EIP students to receive those services every day; we will add a Math Intervention teacher to supplement the two existing Reading Intervention teachers to serve all students
 - iv. Reductions were made in the following places to balance the budget:
 1. Reduce gifted teachers from 5 to 4 based on collaboration model; we will repurpose that displaced teacher into a homeroom teacher position where one is retiring
 2. Abolishing 5 para-professionals
 - a. Some KK class sizes will be set at 15 and not need a para
 - b. Removing paras from DLI 1st and 3rd grades (DLI 2nd grade currently doesn't have a para) and move to a floating para model
 3. Reduce one French teacher to half-time (per their request) without an impact to classroom French times due to increasing DLI grades (Brandon will have K-4 in 2020-2021) and more

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Intervention services for those students that qualify in the place of French

VI. Announcements

- a. Next GO Team meeting is Thursday, March 5th at 3:15pm at MC Room 107 (delayed by 15 minutes due to Mr. Bland's attendance at a Panel meeting that day to support SEL)
- b. Mrs. Whitaker has been recognized as Counselor of the Year for APS!

VII. Public Comment

- a. There is good teacher interest in newly created EIP Math position; there was discussion around the EIP process for referral and intervention
- b. Mrs. Small thanked the GO Team for their hard work and commitment

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Whitaker

Seconded by: Fotzeu

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:33pm

Minutes Taken By: Fran Egan

Position: GO Team Secretary

Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]