

Meeting Minutes

Morris Brandon ES

Date: 5/22/20

Time: 9:00am

Location: Video conference via Zoom

- I. Call to order: 9:02am
- 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	Absent
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: Whitaker Seconded by: Fotzeu

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion to adopt made by: Fotzeu Seconded by: Johnston

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1:** Hive Drive parade and 5th grade drive through yesterday were wonderful! Thank you to the participants and organizers!
- b. **Discussion Item 2:** For Fall classes in light of COVID-19, is APS considering a targeted approach to preference young learners and those with a lack of technology versus a blanket all-open or all-closed scenario? Per Mr. Bland APS will provide updates on their website. They are considering virtual, in person, and a blended approach. The GO Team can support the school Admin team as needed and are willing to jump in to help with anything that may arise over the summer!
- c. **Discussion Item 3:** There was a question about how Special Education student needs are being met with Virtual Learning and Mr. Bland shared it definitely has its challenges. Special Education is handled at the district level and Mr. Bland will share ways that we can get more involved to advocate for our students. (Morris Brandon has 90-100 Special Education students; roughly 10% of our population which aligns with District norms.)

V. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Update – Mr. Bland**
 - i. Budget: APS directed all schools to plan for a 14% budget reduction due to decreased state revenue in light of COVID-19. Morris Brandon's goal was to level the budget without impacting any staffing positions. We gave back our full 2% reserve (\$132,836) and needed to solve for an APS 1.8% reduction to Student Success funding (equates to \$141,550 for Brandon's 950 student projected enrollment). Morris Brandon balanced our budget by making the adjustments outlined below as well as giving back the \$66,418 budget reserve we had held:
 1. Teacher left - \$91,127 savings (due to planning for small class sizes we can re-balance the classrooms to still keep them under limits without needing an additional teacher)
 2. Decreased stipend to 0 - \$12,000 savings (Foundation can cover any needs that may arise in this area)
 3. Decreased dues and fess to 0 - \$17,980 savings (Foundation can cover any needs that may arise in this area)
 4. Decreased textbooks to 0 - \$15,441 savings (we have already pre-purchased all needed textbooks)
 5. Decreased mileage to 0 - \$2,000 (this was underutilized last year as many teachers don't claim reimbursement)

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6. Decreased teacher sub days from 10 days to 5 days per teacher - \$33,762 (cuts here were preferable to losing any staff funding)
7. New unallocated budget of \$29,930 – this funding is earmarked for materials and supplies for next year
- ii. Brandon’s MOID (moderately intellectually disabled) unit of 12 students is being moved by APS to Garden Hills, which will impact our per-student funding stipend from APS. The final funding amount for Brandon won’t be known until attendance counts next year and our hope is to still reach the projected enrollment of 950. Our enrollment numbers are looking very strong. We have close to 150 kindergarteners enrolled already.

VI. Announcements

- a. This meeting was the final GO Team meeting of the year. The next meeting will take place after the beginning of the next school year and will be shared with the community in advance once the date has been determined.
- b. GO Team elections for open positions have been delayed by APS until the start of the new school year.
- c. APS Announcements:
 - i. APS has hired Dr. Lisa Herring as the new APS Superintendent. She starts July 1 in her new role, and has started effectively immediately as a consultant to transition with Dr. Carstarphen, whose contract ends on June 30, 2020. APS is hosting a virtual Town Hall on May 26 from 12-1pm on Facebook Live.
 - ii. APS has extended the closure of school buildings through July 2020 and accordingly all APS summer programs have had to be cancelled (including Morris Brandon Kindergarten Camp).

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Whitaker

Seconded by: Davis

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 10:02am

Minutes Taken By: Fran Egan

Position: GO Team Secretary

Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]