

# Meeting Minutes

**Morris Brandon ES**

**Date: 9/24/20**

**Time: 3:00pm**

**Location: Video conference via Zoom**

- I. Call to order: 3:10pm
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Jay Bland	Present
Parent/Guardian	Fran Egan	Present
Instructional Staff	Sam DeCarlo	Present
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	Present

**Quorum Established: Yes**

**III. Action Items**

**a. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to adopt made by: Whitaker      Seconded by: Davis

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion Passes**

**b. Fill Open Community Member Seat – Mr. Bland nominated Peyton Johnston to serve in this role for a two-year term**

Motion to adopt made by: DeCarlo      Seconded by: Davis

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion Passes**

**c. Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion to adopt made by: Davis      Seconded by: Johnston

Members Approving: All  
Members Opposing: None  
Members Abstaining: None

**Motion Passes**

d. **Review and Approve Public Comment Format - we will follow the same format from last year to allow public comment in afternoon meetings, and we will limit speakers to 2-5 minutes to stay within a 20 minute allotment for public comment; due to virtual meetings we will require those wishing to speak at an upcoming Public Comment meeting to notify the GO Team Chair 24 hours in advance in order to recognized to speak at the meeting**

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

Members Approving: All  
Members Opposing: None  
Members Abstaining: None

**Motion Passes**

e. **Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Norms as specified below:**

- 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: **DeCarlo**          Seconded by: Whitaker

Members Approving: All  
Members Opposing: None  
Members Abstaining: None

**Motion Passes**

**IV. Discussion Items – none**

**V. Information Items**

a. **Return + Learn Plan**

- i. This week APS is sharing initial plans with the community for a return to in-person instruction beginning on October 26 (pending health data within

- target range). The final plan will be presented by the School Board on October 5<sup>th</sup>. All stakeholders are encouraged to provide feedback to the School Board on re-opening plans as those are set at the district level.
- ii. The school is working on implementation plans for in-person learning as we await final guidance from the School Board. Morris Brandon has masks and hand sanitizer. School leadership team has thought through plans for lunch, transitions and specials. (Morris Brandon is not planning to change homeroom teachers although that was mentioned as a possibility for APS in creating hybrid classes.)
  - iii. The school will have some autonomy to determine how to best use the flex day (the current proposal calls for Wednesday to be an asynchronous learning day), but what we implement must be uniform throughout the cluster.
  - iv. The school will work to collect staff feedback through the leadership advisory team.
- b. **Principal's Update – Mr. Bland**
- a. **Enrollment and Distance Learning Update**
    - i. Our enrollment is below projected. We are at 859 students currently and had planned for 950. We are awaiting APS guidance on budget implications.
    - ii. We got very high response rate on our parent survey regarding virtual school experience after the first two weeks of instruction. Key takeaways:
      1. Majority of families are doing virtual learning from home in sibling groups, with much smaller numbers in “learning pods” or childcare options (like The Hive).
      2. About half of families in each grade level thought screen time was just right and about half thought screen time was too long. Given the wide variance of parent screen time expectations we will continue with the current virtual learning format.
      3. Close to 90% of families were clear on Morris Brandon's virtual learning expectations.
  - b. **Budget**
    - i. We are 90 students under our planned enrollment (859 vs 950). APS is beginning the leveling process and we are awaiting further information. Parents and the GO Team may need to mobilize to advocate for APS not to cut teaching positions during the pandemic – it's a critical time when smaller class sizes matter for our students' ability to have in-person instruction, and we also anticipate a rise in enrollment next year that we would be unprepared for if we had to lose teachers.

## VI. Announcements

- a. GO Team elections for open positions have just completed and APS is certifying election results. New GO Team members will be announced next week.
- b. We will have at least two meetings between October 5<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> to ensure we collect parent feedback between when the final return to face-to-face learning plan is shared by the School Board and when school resumes. Our next two meetings are set for:
  - i. Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm (will allow public comment)
  - ii. Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- c. APS Announcements:
  - i. APS is hosting a virtual Town Hall today, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm on Facebook Live to share tentative re-opening plans and gather community feedback.
  - ii. APS playgrounds are now open daily from 3-6pm!

### VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Johnston

Seconded by: Davis

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

**ADJOURNED AT 4:06pm**

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**Minutes Taken By:** Fran Egan

**Position:** GO Team Secretary

**Date Approved:** [Insert Date When Approved]