

Meeting Minutes

Morris Brandon ES

Date: 4/29/21

Time: 3:00pm

Location: Video conference via Zoom

- I. Call to order: 3:03pm
- 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	Absent
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: **Blease** Seconded by: **Johnston**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

b. Approval of Previous Minutes

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

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

- a. GO Team office recently audited our school website pages. Kudos to Jenn Thomas and Fran Egan for keeping our pages updated.

V. Principal's Update

- a. **Overview of summer ARA (Academic Recovery Academy)** - we currently have 80 students enrolled from Bolton and Morris Brandon. APS would like 10,000 students to participate across the district. 90 Morris Brandon students were identified based on Milestones and other indicators and we are actively inviting their participation. Info on ARA:
 - i. 15:1 student:teacher ratio
 - ii. 8-1 is intervention (focused solely on math and literacy) and lunch, 1-2:30 is Power UP (stem camp). Students can attend either or both camp sessions
 - iii. Full attendance is advised but absences are ok (parents can communicate with teachers if they will be out of town or have other commitments)
 - iv. Ms. Ekpare is leading this for Morris Brandon and can be contacted with any questions.
- b. **Rising Kindergarten enrollment update** – We already have 80 Kindergarteners enrolled of 150 projected, so we are right on track with where we expect (typically close to 50% enroll during the summer). We are offering in-person tours weekly, and having two Kindergarten socials (separated by last name to allow capacity controls).
- c. **Staffing Update** – we will have same number of homerooms next year (we are staffed for 1,000 students). Average 19-22 students per class size. 8 homerooms in K, 6 in 5th and 7 in all other grades. We are hiring a new Special Education teacher (replacing someone leaving) and have identified a candidate. We have also identified a new DLI native Spanish teacher to hire. Some movement among the DLI teaching staff for next year: the new DLI teacher will be hired for 3rd grade, Estrada/Morehart will be 5th grade DLI teaching pair and Saleeby/Halliday will be K pair.
- d. **Looking ahead to 2021-2022 school year** – our school budget is based on 879 total enrollment and we are currently at 815 students for next year.
 - i. **Intervention Blocks:** next year we will beef up our intervention block and be able to remediate 36 students per day among our 3 Specialists (Rubido, Knuckles, Cutshall). Our 3 Gifted teachers will also pull out Gifted students to help accelerate some enrichment that has been missed during the pandemic (our school's Gifted delivery model remains collaboratively delivered in their regular classroom).

- ii. **Extended Day** – APS has announced a 30 minute extension to the school day starting in the Fall. Elementary bell schedule hasn't been announced yet to determine where the extra 30 minutes will be allotted (morning, afternoon, or split). This revised schedule will be in place for the next 3 years.
- iii. **Morris Brandon Foundation has helped purchase curriculum/textbooks for next year and have been a great partner to allow us to maximize our APS budget**
- iv. **Covid protocols** – We anticipate students will still be wearing masks and utilizing desk shields next year but we are hopeful that we will be able to allow the students more typical elementary socialization and will consider things like: no longer keeping classes in separate “recess zones”, allowing in-person Intervention with students from multiple homerooms together, using the school cafeteria for meals, and aiming for parent volunteers for Spring events (like Book Fair, Fun Run and Field Day). Surveillance Testing will continue during APS summer programs and ideally it will continue throughout next year.
- e. **Pre-K Update** – Morris Brandon has applied to offer Pre-K next year and expects to hear whether accepted in June or July. If we are able to offer Pre-K we will hold a lottery this summer.
- f. **APS held first in-person Principal round table in over a year this week** – APS has made some organizational changes (After July 1 Mr. Bland will no longer report to Tommy Usher) and is planning for more personalized learning that they will share more about as they develop. Mr. Bland will also attend an APS leadership retreat this June.

VI. Announcements

- a. **This is our final GO Team meeting for this school year. Meetings will resume in the Fall, after Spring elections are completed (elections are May 6 – May 16; one vote per household with unique link via text, email or mail).**
- b. **Claudia Fotzeu from our GO Team will be Sutton PTA Co-Chair next year!**

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Johnston](#)

Seconded by: [Whitaker](#)

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

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ADJOURNED AT 3:57pm

Minutes Taken By: Fran Egan

Position: GO Team Secretary

Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]