

Meeting Minutes

Morris Brandon ES

Date: 12/5/19

Time: 3:00-4:00pm

Location: PC Gym

- I. Call to order: 3:00pm
- 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 | Absent |
| 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: Johnston Seconded by: Whitaker

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Motion to adopt made by: Egan Seconded by: Fiveash

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. Discussion Item 1: Family Engagement Plan

- i. Mrs. Whitaker - Met with District Family Engagement coordinator about a month ago to share Brandon's plan. 80% of our parents are really involved – how do we get the additional 20% involved?
 1. Livestream PTA meetings
 2. Outreach to neighborhoods with underserved populations and bring the information to them
 3. Try to do a better job of sending printed information home, including weekly newsletters in Spanish and other languages
 4. Request PTA to fund a grant for Uber/Lyft cards to help with transportation to Celebration of Learning, Curriculum Night, and Parent/Teacher conferences (and be intentional about calling instead of emailing to share important info with parents)

V. Information Items

a. Principal's Report + School Wide Data Review: Glows & Grows

- i. Based on GO Team input, we reviewed CCRPI data and aligned on top 3 measures of success and 3 areas to focus on for improvement:
 1. Continued ELA focus
 2. Increased focus on math
 3. Continued focus on subgroup literacy rates
 4. Provide adequate staffing and resources for Special Education students to demonstrate better growth
 5. Increased focus for Science and Social Studies for African American students (allotment of time and resources)
 6. Continued emphasis on high growth for Economically Disadvantaged students
- ii. Mr. Bland proposed school strategic plan revisions based on the GO Team input outlined above. GO Team to review and provide feedback via email in advance of next meeting in order to discuss feedback at that meeting.

b. Strengths Finder Overview: District has invested in CliftonStrengths by Gallup assessments and coaching for all full-time APS employees.

- i. Travis Norvell (from APS' Strategic Planning office) shared each GO Team member's top 5 strengths and helped us understand the assessments, and how they can help us work better as a team.
- ii. Mr. DeCarlo requested strengths summaries by grade-level teams and Travis will provide.

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- c. **5th Grade “Great Americans” Program Update:** ~29% (40/140) of 5th graders achieved Great Americans in 2019. 12/40 were girls and the group was predominantly white. How do we continue this great voluntary parent-run program, but increase involvement across the student body?
 - i. From Mr. DeCarlo – timing works, consider eliminating/changing some of the criteria (e.g. remove “Gettysburg Address”), consider changing the name
 - ii. Refer to working session in March/April to come up with a proposal to update the criteria, testing format, and identify some naming options

VI. Announcements

- a. Additional GO Team meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2020 in Main Campus Room 107 for Strategic Plan review and approval. This meeting will allow for Public Comment.

VII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Johnston Seconded by: [Whitaker](#)

Members Approving: all

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 4:10pm

Minutes Taken By: [Fran Egan](#)

Position: [GO Team Secretary](#)

Date Approved: [\[Insert Date When Approved\]](#)