

Meeting Summary

Morris Brandon

Date: September 13, 2018

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Morris Brandon Main Campus, Room 115

- I. Call to order: 4:35PM
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Jay Bland	Present
Parent/Guardian	Michelle Halsey	Present
Parent/Guardian	Patterson Calhoun	Present
Parent/Guardian	Caren Solomon Bharwani	Absent
Instructional Staff	Tracey Hudson	Present
Instructional Staff	Michelle Kemp	Absent
Instructional Staff	Sonya Walston	Present
Community Member	Anna Fiveash	Present
Community Member	Vacant	N/A
Swing Seat	Sam DeCarlo	Present
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items (add items as needed)

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Sam DeCarlo**; Seconded by: **Patterson Calhoun**
Members Approving: unanimous
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes]
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
 Motion made by: **Anna Fiveash**; Seconded by: **Michelle Halsey**
Members Approving: unanimous
Members Opposing:
Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes]

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c. **Fill Vacant Position:** [Vote tabled until next Meeting](#)

Open Position	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Daniel Ledford
GO Team Members In Favor	Anna Fiveash, Tracey Hudson, Sonya Walston
GO Team Members Opposed	
GO Team Members Abstaining	Patterson Calhoun, Sam DeCarlo, Michelle Halsey

Open Position	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Edwin Merrick
GO Team Members In Favor	Patterson Calhoun, Sam DeCarlo, Michelle Halsey
GO Team Members Opposed	
GO Team Members Abstaining	Anna Fiveash, Tracey Hudson, Sonya Walston

d. **Election of Officers:**

i. **Vice Chair:** [Result: Michelle Halsey](#)

Officer Position	Vice Chair
Nominee's Name:	Michelle Halsey
GO Team Members In Favor	Patterson Calhoun, Michelle Halsey, Tracey Hudson, Sonya Walston
GO Team Members Opposed	
GO Team Members Abstaining	Sam DeCarlo, Anna Fiveash

Open Position	Vice Chair
Nominee's Name:	Michelle Kemp
GO Team Members In Favor	Sam DeCarlo, Anna Fiveash
GO Team Members Opposed	
GO Team Members Abstaining	Patterson Calhoun, Michelle Halsey, Tracey Hudson, Sonya Walston

ii. **Secretary:** [Vote tabled until next meeting](#)

IV. Discussion Items: *None*

V. Information Items

a. Principal's Report

Principal Bland discussed the leveling process, which is new to APS, in order to balance school budgets and staff assignments based on actual vs. projected student enrollment. He reported that Morris Brandon had 1,010 students as of the 15th day at noon after day 1 of school, which was the date that enrollment was established for budget purposes. Morris Brandon was under the projected number of 1,022 students by 12, which meant that Morris Brandon was responsible for returning \$48,197 to APS (based on a per pupil amount), less the General Fund Carryover of \$6,459, for a total net adjustment to the Morris Brandon budget of -\$41,739.

Morris Brandon could have made an adjustment to the instructional staff; however, the school would have been responsible for finding an open position for the displaced staff member. Instead, Principal Bland used the funds in Instructional Staff Dues and Fees (\$28,000), Instructional Supplies (\$5,832), and Tech Services (\$8,000) to cover the shortfall.

Principal Bland addressed the request that several parents had brought forth regarding a Police Officer. Individual schools cannot use private funding to support an officer; therefore, the school will need to decide if they will use next year's school's budget (operational decision) to support an officer, which would cost approximately the same as a teacher.

Principal Bland also addressed his school vision and 90-day plan, and in particular two school-wide goals. The first is to increase ELA scores, and the implementation of the Wit and Wisdom curriculum is in place to address this. Second is the culture and climate, and Principal Bland is focusing on staff retention, as Morris Brandon lost 21 teachers from 2017-2018 to the 2018-2019 school year.

VI. Public Comment:

- a. Kelly Trotter expressed a concern if Morris Brandon has a significant shortfall in terms of the number of registered students, and the school couldn't find positions for displaced teachers, that the school would be responsible for giving a significant portion of the budget back to APS. Principal Bland clarified that there is a cap on the amount to give back to APS, which is 3% or about \$104K.

VII. Announcements: *Next Meeting – Oct 19th at 7AM in the Primary Center. GO Team Summit is on Saturday, September 22nd, and sign ups end this Friday.*

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VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Patterson Calhoun](#); Seconded by: [Sonya Walston](#)

Members Approving: unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [[Passes](#)]

ADJOURNED AT 5:07PM

Minutes Taken By: [Michelle Halsey](#)

Position: [GO Team Vice Chair](#)

Date Approved: [\[Insert Date the Minutes are APPROVED by the GO Team\]](#)