

Morris Brandon Elementary School Foundation, Inc. Annual Report, 2016-2017



Letter from the Foundation President

It has been my privilege to serve as the President of the Morris Brandon Elementary School Foundation for the year ending June 30, 2017. In addition to gaining a deeper understanding into how the administration, faculty and staff work together to continue to elevate the Morris Brandon experience for all students, I have been reminded of the overwhelming generosity and support of our community.

This annual report provides a summary of the 2016-17 year's financial operations and descriptions of the significant projects undertaken by the Foundation. The vast majority of projects funded this year arose due to requests from teachers or administrators. Whether creating an opportunity for enrichment, bridging a gap, or fostering creativity, these were implementations of teacher-identified needs that APS would not have been able to fulfill and which would not have been possible without your donations to the Foundation (via the Bee Fund and Auction).

As I leave the Foundation in the very capable hands of the incoming officers and board, I wish to thank the current Board for its dedication and stewardship. Once again, thank you for your generous support of the Foundation and for the opportunity to serve. It has been my pleasure.

Kelly Trotter



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Formed in 2006, the Morris Brandon Elementary School Foundation, Inc. (MBESF) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting and enriching the education and development of Brandon's students. By investing in technology, curriculum, programs and facilities not provided by the Atlanta Public Schools, the Foundation helps ensure that our students receive a first-rate education at one of the top rated public schools in Georgia.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 7/1/16 – 6/30/17*

INCOME	
Annual Fund	\$248,703
NUMC Field Contribution	\$25,000
Auction Proceeds, Gross	\$192,489
Field Rental	\$20,000
Reserve from Prior Years (Auction/Other)	\$122,838
PTA Transfer	\$60,000
Total Income	\$669,029

EXPENSES	
Playground Resurfacing	\$87,750
Saxon Phonics	\$11,728
Shurley English	\$15,461
Compass Learning	\$11,287
International Travelers	\$2,500
Oth. Subscriptions/Supplies	\$35,162
PE/Music/Art Supplies	\$4,779
Eureka Math Manipulatives	\$24,635
Media Center	\$8,277
Teacher Allotments/Grants	\$38,765
International Baccularate	\$7,476
Leadership Team Stipends	\$18,000
Professional Development	\$8,823
Personnel (Technology/Front Office/Traffic Officers)	\$96,686
Auction Expense	\$91,700
Bee Fund Expense	\$16,108
Other	\$4,771
Total Operating Expenses	\$483,906

Allocate Reserves	
Reserve for Future Track and Field/Technology Maintenance	\$14,500
2017 Net Auction Proceeds Reserve, to be Used in 2017-18 & 2018-19	\$100,789
Reserve for NUMC Turf Replacement Contribution, to be used in 2017-18	\$25,000
Total Expenses	\$624,195

Net Income to be Allocated to General Reserve	\$44,834
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*unaudited

SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FUNDED BY MBESF

Curriculum Enhancements

MBESF funds enhancements to Brandon's curriculum and supplies beyond what is provided by APS. This includes:

- **Saxon Phonics** – Phonics program for grades K-2 (over 500 students)
- **Shurley English** – Program for grades 3-5 that strengthens grammar, reading and writing skills (over 500 students)
- A **Eureka Math** manipulative kit for every homeroom in each grade to facilitate hands-on learning of Morris Brandon's newly adopted math curriculum
- Purchase of **clay, glaze and tools** for every student to make a ceramic piece in art class
- Purchase of the **International Travelers** program to support the IB mission of cultivating global awareness in Morris Brandon's students
- Procurement of needed supplies in support of **the Dual Language Immersion program, the PE and the Music** departments

Playground Resurfacing

MBESF funded the cost of resurfacing the **Main Campus playground** (approximately \$85,000) to ensure the continued safety of all students using it. The original surface was installed 9 years ago and had reached the end of its life due to regular wear and tear.

Personnel

In 2016-17, the MBESF provided funding for a Technology Specialist, front desk administrative help and security officers for carpool.

Teacher Support

Investing in Morris Brandon's **most important resource**, its teachers, remains an MBESF priority. MBESF provides a **cash allotment** to each classroom teacher and the principal and program administrator. Specials departments request and receive funding support as well. In 2016-17, MBESF continued the funding of **leadership team stipends** for those instructors who have assumed extra responsibility as part of Principal Stimpson's Leadership Committee.

Professional Development

MBESF funded **faculty-wide professional development workshops** in the areas of Eureka Math and **Best Practices for Educators in Teaching Executive Functioning Skills in Children**. We also provided financial support for the French faculty and Program Administrator to travel to nationally recognized professional development programs over the summer at the **International Forum on Language Teaching and the Institute for Dual Immersion Leaders**.

