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Meeting Minutes

Morris Brandon Elementary School
Date: September 17, 2026
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: YouTube Live Stream
Recording Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyvzSyzEcnk

I. **Call to order:** 3:01 pm

II. **Roll Call**

Role	Name *(or Vacant)*	Present or Absent
Principal	**Jacob Bland**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Patty Shenkman**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Erin Boorn**	**Present**
Parent/Guardian	**Erica Tuggle**	**Absent**
Instructional Staff	**Dayana Camacho**	**Present**
Instructional Staff	**Ashley Monroe**	**Present**
Instructional Staff	**Michael Forehand**	**Present**
Community Member	**Ashley Mathis**	**Present**
Community Member	**Open**	
Swing Seat	**Melissa Mejico**	**Present**
Student *(High Schools)*		

Quorum Established: YES

III. **Action Items**

a. **Approval of Agenda:**
Motion made by: Erin Boorn; Seconded by: Michael Forehand
Members Approving: All
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
Motion made by: Melissa Mejico; Seconded by: Michael Forehand
Members Approving: All
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None
Motion Passes

c. **Fill Open Community Member Seat**

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	**Gordon Smith**
GO Team Members **In favor**	All
GO Team Members **Opposed**	None
GO Team Members **Abstaining**	None

IV. Discussion Items

a. **School Strategic Plan**

i. **Strategic Plan & Priorities Review:** Reviewed Morris Brandon's strategic goals for 2025-30 and objectives. The strategic goals are as follows:

1. By 2030, increase the percentage of 3rd grade students scoring proficient or above in ELA from 76.5% to 87%.
2. By 2030, increase the percentage of Black students with typical or high end of grade milestone student growth percentiles from 62.5% to 73.2%.
3. By 2030, increase the percentage of students feeling comfortable going to most or all of the adults in the school for help from 54.2% to 75.2%.
4. By 2030, increase the percentage of engaged staff from 64.3% to 77%.

ii. **SMART Goals:** Reviewed CIP SMART Goals and Strategy which align to Morris Brandon's Strategic Plan Goals. CIP SMART Goals are as follows by the end of the 2026-27 school year:

1. Percentage of students scoring Proficient or Distinguished levels in Math on the Georgia Milestones from 77%-82%.
2. Percentage of students scoring Proficient or Distinguished levels in ELA on the Georgia Milestones from 74%-80%.
3. 100% of new 1st–5th grade students at Morris Brandon will be connected to the school community, as evidenced by 95% or higher attendance.

b. **Data Discussion**

i. **MAP Results:** Overall, for Morris Brandon Fall 2026-27, we had 69% of students as distinguished and proficient in Reading, which ranked Morris Brandon 5th in the district for reading proficiency. For Math, Morris Brandon ranked 2nd in the district with 77% of students as distinguished or proficient in Math. Number 1 in the district for fall-to-fall math growth and top 5 school in achievement.

ii. **2026 GA Milestones Results:** ELA Results have not been released by the state yet as the 2025-26 tests were first administered under the state's new K-12 ELA Standards. For Math, 78.1% of Morris Brandon students were proficient, with growth of 7% from the previous year; for science, 70.6% of Brandon students were proficient with 8.6% of growth from the previous year.

V. Information Items

a. **Principal's Report**

i. **Enrollment and Leveling Updates:** Morris Brandon has 948 students as of the 15-Day Enrollment Count, 44 over the 904 projections for enrollment resulting in a ~$324K budget adjustment. The district added ~$174K to the budget to account for the additional students and Morris Brandon also had an additional $150K carried over from last year's budget that the school was able to keep for this year's budget.

ii. **Staffing Update:** With the additional funding, plan to hire additional staff and purchase items to enhance teaching and education, aligned with the strategic goals. Majority of funds will be used to hire new intervention/EIP teacher at MC that can transition into a homework teacher next year if needed and a hourly intervention/EIP teacher at PC. District has also allotted funds to hire new Exceptional Education Teacher at PC based on student numbers.

Inquiry was made regarding new mentoring program with Emory University and Georgia Tech that supports students feeling connected to school per the student survey results. Following discussions at a prior GO Team meeting, Morris Brandon reached out to community and plans to partner with Georgia Tech, where 10-12 football players will routinely work with Morris Brandon students on math assignment(s) 15-30 minutes, followed by outside play and fun passing/catching football with mentors. Emory University sorority students will be partnered with Morris Brandon 3rd-5th grade girls to focus on reading and mentoring.

VI. Announcements None to note currently.

VII. Public Comment A parent shared concerns about the sidewalk that ends from Dover Road and leads students to the shuttle from MC to PC. Stated this is a heavy traffic area with young students, older students, buses and cars, and she would like Morris Brandon to look at making sidewalk improvements along Dover Road to improve safety.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Erin Boorn **Seconded by:** Michael Forehand

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 3:57 pm

Minutes Taken By: Erin Boorn

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: 10/22/26