

Draft Meeting Minutes

Midtown High School

Date: February 12, 2024

Time: 4:00

Recording: Eric Goldberg

Call to order:

Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Betsy Bockman	P
Parent/Guardian	Eric Goldberg	P
Parent/Guardian	Jenifer Keenan	P
Parent/Guardian	Audrea Rease	P
Instructional Staff	Trenee Uzoka	P
Instructional Staff	Roderick Hill	P
Instructional Staff	Lisa Boyd	A
Community Member	Willgina Montgomery	P
Community Member	Tamara Jones	P
Swing Seat	Nydia Rivera	P
Student (High Schools)	Eden Sharp	A
Student (High Schools)	Neelam Parsons	A

Quorum Established: ___Yes___

A. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Tamara Jones; Seconded by Audrea Rease

Members Approving: unanimous

Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes

B. First Public Comment Period

No comment

C. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Request to amend draft minutes to spell out the acronyms. Motion by Willgina Montgomery; seconded by Trenee Uzoka

Members Approving: unanimous

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Members Opposing: none

Members Abstaining: none

Motion passes

Discussion Items

Budget Feedback Presentation

i. Principal Bockman walks Go Team through the proposed school's draft budget.

Requested Signature program funds: \$467,685

Approved Signature program funds: \$331,832

ii. Clerks go from 211 day schedule to 202 schedule. Cost savings.

Reduction of work days for admin staff. Bookkeeper and clerks.

F26 Budget

Removed:

2 Clerks (substituted for 211 day positions)

2 math teachers (1 retired, 1 resigned. Will not be replaced).

2 phys ed (1 retired, 1 vacant. Will not be replaced)

2 world language (1 vacant, 1 resignation (Spanish). Eliminating one of two positions. The other is an empty position that won't be filled).

1 social studies (currently vacant. Abolishing an empty position)

1 paraprofessional

Created

2 clerks (substituted for 202 day positions)

2 interrelated teacher positions

iii. Go team member: Are kids going to be able to get course requests?

Principal Bockman: They may not get everything they want. They don't always get everything they want. We're going through budget cuts.

Dr. Bockman says this may mean Midtown H.S. offering less language sections. All world languages will be offered, but budget cuts very well may mean less sections/classes available to students.

Go Team member: What does this do to our math?

Principal Bockman: It may mean fewer sections of courses.

Go Team member asks about projected enrollment.

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Principal Bockman: I have to go with what [APS) says. There's no reason for me to think it's going to be any different than what's been projected.

Go team member: Dollars budget are based on student enrollment.

Go team member continues: APS knew this was coming. The teachers are getting raises about which I'm a big fan. But they didn't decide to phase them in. They didn't send the dollars to the school to cover the raises. I'm not OK with that. After we get to this point, in the budget, they're (APS) not going to do much. Budget doesn't change from this point.

Dr. Bockman and Ms. Cappelli are doing everything they can, but they're left holding the bag. APS is passing on the costs from its collective decisions to the teachers and students.

iiii. Overview of non-staffing part of the budget

Rec: 208,000

Allocation: 208,000

Field Trips: 63,153 allocated. Difference: 63K. From 63K.

Teacher supplies: \$9,950 cut from 84,950

Media supplies: \$8,592 cut from 13,592

Cuts in security overtime

Cuts in Marta cards students use, postage, web-based subscriptions and licenses

Go Team member suggests there may be an opportunity re-evaluate Schoology, the learning management system, and save 18K there.

Go Team members discuss recourse. Is there an opportunity to talk to APS about allocation of signature funding?

Principal Bockman: Maybe you ask what was the rationale for cutting signature funding. Suggests tabling budget vote and asking APS for more input and ask for rationale around signature funding decision.

Go Team member: I'm not comfortable approving a budget we received today and were expected to review a 100 line spreadsheet all in the same day. This is a broken system.

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IV. Vote on budget

Motion made by Eric Goldberg to table budget to next meeting; seconded by Tamara Jones

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion passes

V. Principal's Report

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

Motion made by Audrea Rease; Seconded by Jenifer Keenan

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion passes

ADJOURNED AT 5:58 pm

Minutes Taken By: Eric Goldberg

Position: Secretary

Date Approved: Feb. 26, 2025