**Morningside Elementary School**

**Date: 12/1/2023**

**Time: 5:04**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom & In-Person**

1. **Call to order: 5:04**
2. **Chair – Brooke Linefsky**
3. **Roll Call**

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| **Role** | **Name** *(or Vacant)* | **Present or Absent** |
| **Principal** | **Audrey Sofianos** | **X** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Ben Knaebel** | **X** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Jen Lieb** | **X** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Brooke Linefsky** | **X** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Carla Daniels** | **X** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Amelia Morel** | **X** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Allison Espelosin** | **X** |
| **Community Member** | **Betsy McKay** | **X** |
| **Community Member** | **Rob Schuler** | **X** |
| **Swing Seat** | **Kareem Hall** | **X** |
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**Quorum Established:** Yes

1. **Action Items**
2. Approval of Agenda Motion made by: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Kareem Hall

Members Approving: All Present Members

Members Opposing: None

Motion: Passed

1. Approval of Previous Minutes Motion made by: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Alison Espelosin

Members Approving: All Present Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Opposing: None

Motion: Passed

1. Approval of top 4 Priorities for the school’s budget analysis ranking. Motion made by: Amelia Morel Seconded by: Ben Knaebel

Members Approving: All Present Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Opposing: None

Motion: Passed

**Discussion Items**

1. Work session report –
   1. The work session was attended by Amelia Morel, Alison Espelosin, Kareem Hall, Jennifer Lieb
   2. Discussed the strategic plan and made some suggestions
   3. Work session can be viewed on the GO Team webpage
2. **Principal Report & Discussion**

* Principal Sofianos Presentation on preparing for budget development
* Reviewed the initial fall to winder MAP data
* Review and discuss the strategic plan
* Look at the SMART goals and moved some items from the top to the strategies – the group in the working session looked at the priorities and also some of the strategies
* Shifting to nine priorities – some of the language in the priorities has been streamlined and refined
* Removed the priority regarding moving to the new campus as that has occurred
* GO Team members discussed the priorities and Principal Sofianos asked if there was anything that needs to be added
* Brooke mentioned adding something to the strategies regarding communication and streamlining how we communicate to parents
* Principal Sofianos asks the GO Team to rank the priorities with the idea of working toward the priorities in budget creation
* Priorities Ranking – 2,1,4, 9,
  + 1. Imbed a data-driven multi-tier system of support to improve individual as well as student group performance, focusing on both academic and social emotional learning outcomes.
  + 2. Focus on eliminating academic achievement gaps among student groups, including African American, Hispanic, and Special Education student groups.
  + 3. Offer a rigorous and relevant curriculum for all students
  + 4. Focus on individual student strengths and needs in terms of the whole child, including social and emotional learning.
  + 6. Build capacity of talented and knowledgeable staff to meet student needs.
  + 7. Create an environment that motivates and retains staff members, builds teacher leadership, and focuses on teacher wellness. (keep)
  + Rewording priority 8 to reflect that it is not a lower priority for MES but better explains the priority for parents
  + Conversation on items 6 & 7 and the idea of combining them or keeping them separate, decision is made to keep them as separate priorities
  + Discussion around keeping or the curriculum priority – but addressing it would move STEAM to the bottom
  + Possible re-wording of the priorities to more clearly reflect intent
  + Wanting to ensure we continue to have priorities that reflect the desire to be inclusive and welcoming and funding to support those initiatives
  + Importance of parents and community support over some curriculum needs and putting resources into engagement
  + The GO Team can continue to edit the priorities, there needs to be a priority outline and ranking in order to create the budget.
  + Brooke proposes we approve the top 4 priorities which we seem to have finalized and then continue to work on the additional priorities in following meetings
  + GO Team votes to approve priorities 2,1, 4, 9
  + Principal Sofianos reviews the next steps and what we will be working on in the next few meetings as we work towards budget approval
  + Ben Knaebel reviewed information from the Midtown cluster meeting –
    - Midtown is working on a garden project, connecting with Georgia Tech lab, training students and teachers in teen Mental Health first Aid, working on remediation and support programs
    - Hope Hill partnered with Georgia Tech women’s basketball, partnering with city of Atlanta parks and Rec to design their playground
    - Mary Lin is working on their chicken coop, had a science fair and a bi-racial history walk in their neighborhood
    - Spark is working on their garden project
    - VaHi – had a reading therapy dog that has come, several different clubs and has partnered to create steam ambassadors
    - Discussion on how we can create equity for steam supplies across the cluster, so STEAM is rolled out fairly

**Announcements**: **Next Meeting Date**

* Next Meeting – January 22, 2024 at 5pm – In-Person

**Adjournment**

1. Motion made by Kareem Hall Seconded by: Amelia Morel

Members Approving: All Present Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion: Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT: 6:33 pm**

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**Minutes Taken By:** Jennifer Lieb

**Position: Secretary**

**Date Approved:** [Insert Date When Approved]