**Morningside Elementary School**

**Date: 9/27/2022**

**Time: 5:00**

**Location: Virtual via Zoom**

1. **Call to order: 5:04**
2. **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** | **Victor Kucek** | **X** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Carla Daniels** | **X** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Stephanie Felton** |  |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Jonathan Bookspun** | **X** |
| **Community Member** | **Emre Memecan** | **X** |
| **Community Member** | **Rob Schuer** | **X** |
| **Swing Seat** | **Aisha Stith** | **X** |
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**Quorum Established:** Yes

1. **Action Items** 
   1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Victor Kucek Seconded by: Jen Lieb

All Members Present Approved

**Motion** Passed

* 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: Benjamin Knaebel; Seconded by: Aishan Stith

Approved minutes from meeting on 8/30 as well as 4/17 (final meeting last spring)

**Motion** Passed

* 1. **Action Item 1: Motion:** **Approve Rob Schuler as Community Representative**

Motion made by: Emre Memecan; Seconded by: Carla Daniels

Members Approving: All Members Approve

**Motion** Passes

* 1. **Action Item 2: Motion:** **Election of a Chair**

Motion made by: Victor Kucek; Seconded by: Emre Memecan

* Conversation was had about the election of a chair. Mr. Bookspun was nominated by Emre Memecan and discussion by Mr. Bookspun followed/ Principal Sofianos discussed the role as well as Diane Jacobi from APS.
* It was decided that Jon Bookspun would assume the role of Chair, with Victor Kucek serving as vice chair.

Members Approving: All Members Approve

**Motion: Passes**

1. **Discussion Items**

**Discussion Item 1:** Renaming of the Library at the MES East Rock Springs Campus after Ms. Mather who recently passed away.

Principal Sofianos gave a brief history about Ms. Mather and her strength and love of reading and long teaching career at MES. It has been recommended by students and staff that the new library at the MES East Rocks Springs Campus be named in Ms. Mather’s honor. There would be a formal dedication ceremony next fall when we are back in the building. A placard and possibly a picture was suggested. Comments about what a wonderful teacher she was, were made by several members of the GO Team. There was a lot of positive feedback.

Motion was made by Victor to Approve naming the new media center in honor of Ms. Mather

Members Approving: All Present

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Discussion Item 2**:

Additional mentorship/partnership opportunities for our African American and Hispanic student populations, including:

a. Urban League of Atlanta, and they offer a mentorship program for African American students. Here is some additional info on their youth offerings: Youth & Young Adult Services - Urban League (ulgatl.org)

b. Russell Innovation Center for Entrepreneurs: Russell Center

Conversation followed about different organizations that can engage our students. Additionally, we discussed involving students from Midtown High School to connect with and mentor MES students, possibly through a meet up, The idea of developing a mentor program at MES was also discussed to connect students and additional staff at MES to provide engagement and support. This was encouraged by several GO Team members as something we should continue discussing and working toward making a reality.

1. **Information Items** 
   1. Principal’s Report: Principal Sofianos presented the current strategic plan and progress the school has made to meeting the goals outlined in the plan.
   2. Continuous Improvement Plan – Principal Sofianos presented the continuous improvement plan, which works in conjunction with the strategic plan. She reviewed the broad strokes of this plan. When it comes to Literacy/Math we have not seen the anticipated growth in the MAP scores. SMART goals are to improve scores by 3% in literacy and math on the Georgia Milestones
   3. Specific MAP score data was presented in both Math and Reading – assessments that can be considered a Milestones score predictor. Scores from last fall and this fall were compared, with this fall being higher. The data was presented in a format that broke students into subgroups (as defined by APS) to compare the fall scores from fall 21 to 22. Data was presented for students with disabilities as well as those who speak a foreign language. Data presented illustrated the achievement/growth from fall to spring last year and fall last school year to fall this school year. Milestones data demonstrates that while we are showing progress, some of our overall scoring had dropped since 2019, while our percentages still present relatively high. Conversation followed about the scores and the data collection points and how the data is used to shape instruction. Ms. Daniels explained how teachers are working with students and ways they are working on identifying individual strengths and weaknesses for students and addressing how to work on improving these skills.
2. **Announcements**: Next Go Team Meeting to be held Virtually, Thursday, October 20th.
3. **Adjournment**

Motion made by: Rob Schuler; Seconded by: Emre Memecan

Members Approving: All Present Members

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

**Motion: Passes**

**ADJOURNED AT: 6:23**

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**Minutes Taken By:** Jennifer Lieb

**Position: Secretary**

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