

Mary Lin Elementary School

Date: **1/29/2025**

Time: **2:45 PM**

Location: **Mary Lin Elementary Media Center/Hybrid**

- I. Call to order: 1/29/2025 at 2:47 PM
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Denise Bringslid	X
Parent/Guardian	Kristy Perez	X
Parent/Guardian	Addison Draper	X
Parent/Guardian	Pari Ram	X
Instructional Staff	Kayla Dees	X
Instructional Staff	Becki Heacox	X
Instructional Staff	Missy Snyder	
Community Member	Lynley Teras	X
Community Member	Scott Thorpe	X
Swing Seat	Kelsey Boyajian	X
Student (High Schools)		

Quorum Established: **[Yes]**

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **[Pari Ram]**; Seconded by: **[Lynley Teras]**
 Members Approving: unanimous
 Members Opposing:
 Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes]
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** List amendments to the minutes:
 Motion made by: **[Lynley Teras]**; Seconded by: **[Pari Ram]**
 Members Approving: unanimous
 Members Opposing:
 Members Abstaining:
Motion [Passes]

IV. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion Item 1: Review Budget Meeting Schedule**
 - i. Review of budget and making sure it aligns with our strategic priorities.
 - ii. Budget meeting has to happen before Jan. 31
 - iii. Principal cluster meeting
 - iv. Meeting for second review on February 12
 - v. GO team will meet on March 12 to do final budget approval
- b. **Discussion Item 2: Budget Allocation Presentation**
 - i. Overview of budget and signature programming funds in particular
 - Review of priorities and specific changes to match (see slide 13 in budget allocation presentation)
 - Pari: are we just sticking to the three priorities listed or could we add more?
 - a. Can definitely add more if needed.
 - b. Figuring out whether an SRO is funded
 - c. Consideration of adding counselor capacity
 - Lynley: what are we at from a capacity perspective? (currently have a pop. of 513 – projection is 505.
 - a. Probably in the 75% and 85% range
 - Increase in amount from SSF allocation, but mostly driven by increased salaries for staff
 - Other small changes in funding formula around poverty and gifted
 - Kristy: could federal money get pulled back?
 - a. Head Start and free lunch programs – but unlikely to be impacted directly here
 - b. Consolidation of small schools could be sped up
 - Slight decline in additional earnings, but will likely be made up with signature programming in the future
 - Pari: what is flex funding in budget?
 - a. Had a specific allocation for SST and that's since gone away
 - b. These kinds of requests would come through the zero-base budgeting process
 - c. Kayla – changes and justifies additional spending to signature spending and hopefully more efficiently and more accountable for spending.
 - Pari: What is the difference on the spreadsheet for staffing?
 - a. Denise: it keeps going – it ultimately zeroes out
 - Kristy: Resource officer – who is it?

- a. Denise: SRO for this not on an annual – they work the elementary school day
- Kristy: could the field trip money be pulled in elsewhere?
 - a. It's a little bit complicated – but definitely could fund in additional staff needs
- Addison: where do the subs come from?
 - a. Comes from a computer system and has a list of 10 or so folks that they usually pull from for scheduled absences
- Kristy: is there a cap on the requests for program funding?
 - a. Not really – principals did meet to try to make a reasonable request that's in-line with everyone else
 - b. On the high end comparatively, but also was cautious about going too high
- Kristy: Looked across school budgets and would love to see a definition from APS of what equity looks like. Some folks were also sharing their foundation funding
- List of signature programs and rationale (slide 30 on budget allocation)
- Addison: What are we cutting?
 - a. Depends on signature programming and what the district provides
 - b. Cut in social work time and sharing SW with VHE/SPARK
- Addison: could some of SW money get directed into counseling?
 - a. Denise: it's a possibility with the caveat that the money doesn't transfer directly between them
 - b. Kayla/Becki – with loss of SW, will have to figure out how counseling supports moving forward
 - c. Kristy – if not getting covered in school, then parents were probably getting through private source.
 - d. Becki – counseling is preventative. SW too. Keeps things from being escalated to a serious issue. Wraparound services through APS too. How many kids served via Pathways?
 - e. Kayla – can be overlap for SW and counselor. Curious on what the impact is.
 - f. Denise – SWARM data – 20-30 referral per year pre-COVID. When full time SW, went to 70. So far this year - 14 from teachers, the rest are from SW.
 - g. Becki – SW handles the really high risk items like suicidal ideation.

- h. Kristy – supportive of the requests we have for the signature programs and it make sense to cut where community-based options are readily available
 - i. Pari – does it make sense to up the GATE teachers?
 - i. Denise – need that cushion to pay for other current teachers and the GATE program is going to be changing in the next few years. Moving to approach called “cluster grouping”
 - j. Pari – will we get the funding under that “cluster grouping” model?
 - i. Yes! That money will still come from the district. May be able to hire a gifted leader or gifted coach who provides supports.
 - ii. Kayla – could even share that lead across schools.
 - k. Becki – how many do we have and can we start working on this?
 - i. We have 17 and requires teachers to teach a two-week summer program to get it for free from APS. Not really feasible model.
 - l. Denise – change in gifted testing process that standardized the process across the district based on score. Didn’t really change the gap. MAPP testing is also not a perfect measure.
- Next meeting we’ll know what we have for our special programs and make some actual decisions.

V. Information Items

- a. **Principal’s Report**
 - i. **CCRPI – stayed steady and went up in one!**
- b. **Committee Reports**
- c. **Cluster Advisory Team Report**

VI. Announcements

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: [Addison Draper]; Seconded by: [Lynley Teras]

Members Approving: unanimous

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

Motion [Passes]

ADJOURNED AT 4:30 PM

Minutes Taken By: [Scott Thorpe]

Position: [Secretary]

Date Approved: [Insert Date When Approved]