

Budget Feedback Meeting Agenda

Virginia-Highland Elementary School

Date: 2/12/2025

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Location: Zoom & LiveStream

I. Call to order 6:03

II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Terry Harness	P
Parent/Guardian	Rebecca Cagle	P
Parent/Guardian	Ryan Valduga	P
Instructional Staff	Young Rhee	P
Instructional Staff	Andrique Norwood	P
Community Member	Melissa Clark	P

Guests Present: None

Quorum Established: Yes

III. Action Items

A. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: Valduga Seconded by: Norwood

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: No

Members Abstaining: No

Motion Passes

B. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion made by: Valduga Seconded by: Cagle

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: No

Members Abstaining: No

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

A. **Budget Development Presentation**

- i. Budget proposal remains similar to what was discussed in January
- ii. Review of Strategic Plan and Priorities
- iii. This is feedback meeting. Budget has already been presented to Cluster administrative team and teachers. From February to March 5, staffing conferences will occur with cluster superintendent. During that time

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- period, GoTeam should also discuss with community. Final budget vote will occur on March 5.
- iv. Approved Signature Programming Funds—started with zero based budget for Steam Signature Program. Requested \$280k (number includes amounts for certain staff including Steam Lab teacher). Allocated \$227,132 for next year. (about \$50k less than what we asked for/what we had last year)
 - v. PreK: 1 general, 1 para; projections Kinder (111), 1st (123), 2nd (115), 3rd (113), 4th (99), 5th (91)
 - vi. New position MTSS interventionist, one new gifted teacher, new EIP hourly, social working going down to 2 days week (shared with SPARK and Lin)
 - vii. Specials generally unchanged, but we are adding a Steam Lab Specialists
 - viii. Next year, new curriculum for literacy. District considering five vendors, resources at the school to glance at / give feedback.
 - ix. Reserves will be about \$142K in case we don't meet projections and have to give money back to district.
 - x. No more permanent subs, so we have to allocate budget to cover sub days. For every teacher, funding 10 days of sub (for sick, personal, etc.)
 - xi. Budget aligning with strategic priorities—aligning supports for enrichment and additional supports very intentionally.
 - xii. Comment- feedback from K team-- would full time K paras be something that could be considered, even if just one or two? Being hourly saves about \$300k—also if one full-time, they all have to be.
 - xiii. **ACTION ITEM: GO Team vote on Draft Budget** Motion made by: M Clark,
Seconded by: Rhee
Members Approving: Unanimous
Members Opposing: No
Members Abstaining: No
Motion Passes

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Report

i. Kindergarten News

1. Kindergarten Round Up March 10-12: wanted future Kinders to register. Tours for rising Kinder parents available 3/10-3/12.
2. Kinder Experience in April to come visit the school, go to cafeteria, storytime, visit a class, see playground, etc.

- ii. **Pre-K lottery:** We only get 20 students. Lin and Spark will also have pre-k. classes next year.

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- B. **Other Updates** VHE Parent and GoTeam member meeting re Board of Education rep re: accessibility issues at the school.
 - i. \$230k grant awarded for rubberized surfaces for playground
- VI. **APS Update**
 - A. Declarations open for GoTeam elections: 1 parent seat and 1 staff seat open for election
 - i. At organizational meeting in July or August, principal brings nominee for community seat and GoTeam votes whether to approve
 - ii. Swing seat also open—any GoTeam member can bring a nominee to organizational meeting and GoTeam votes whether to approve
- VII. **Public Comment** – *none present*
- VIII. **Adjournment at 7:10** Motion: Clark, Second: Valduga

Minutes Taken By: Melissa Clark

Position: GoTeam Secretary

Date Approved: