

Meeting Summary

Virginia-Highland Elementary School

Date: 3/5/2025

Time: 6:00-7:00 pm

Location: Zoom & LiveStream

I. Call to order: 6:05

II. Roll Call

Role	Name <i>(or Vacant)</i>	Present or Absent
Principal	Terry Harness	P
Parent/Guardian	Rebecca Cagle	P
Parent/Guardian	Ryan Valduga	A
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:

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: No

Members Abstaining: No

Motion Passes

- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *Defer to approve next meeting, so everyone can review*
- c. **Approval of the Final Budget Recommendation (after final presentation/review):**

Motion made by: Y. Rhee; **Seconded by:** M. Clark

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: No

Members Abstaining: No

Motion Passes

IV. Discussion Items

a. Final Budget Presentation

- i. No budget changes were made since last feedback meeting as result of staffing conferences.
- ii. Review of strategic plans and priorities—remain unchanged.
- iii. PreK: 1 general, 1 para; projections Kinder (111), 1st (123), 2nd (115), 3rd (113), 4th (99), 5th (91)
- iv. New position MTSS interventionist, new EIP hourly, social working going down to 2 days week (shared with SPARK and Lin)
- v. Specials generally unchanged, but we are adding a Steam Lab Specialists
- vi. Reserves \$142K—Harness has not dipped into those, so if we meet our projections we hopefully can use this money next year
- vii. No permanent subs next year, so these are allotted for in budget (\$98k)

- viii. 78% of funds are going to teachers and keeping class sizes down
- ix. Question from Goteam member: Who would fund additional one to one paras if they are needed? District funds these one to ones
- x. VOTE: unanimous approval of budget
- b. Safety and Security Addition—Windscreen for playground
 - i. Concern with pedestrians stopping and speaking to children on playground. Teachers try and intervene in conversations, but large space. Teacher concerns. Security monitor and Principal Harness want to add a windscreen with VHE logo along fencing that would create more of a privacy barrier between students and passerbys. It could also help restrict access points/climbing fences. Also prevention of distractions.
 - ii. GoTeam is supportive, recommendation that we make sure funds are there to maintain it in good shape.
- c. Tactical Urbanism: Bike Lane on Virginia Ave. at VHE
 - i. Bike lane proposal on Virginia Ave south side of road up until Ponce Place and then shifts to north side on block with VHE
 - ii. Have been many concerns, especially at Ponce Place intersection of cars whizzing around crossing guard.
 - iii. GoTeam supportive, discussion of surveying next year how parents intend to drop kids at school and potential routes, etc.

V. Information Items

- a. Principal's Report
 - i. Declare for Goteam elections by 3/7

b. February 24, 2025 CAT Meeting Report Out

- i. APS Facilities Timeline:** APS is about to begin its process of evaluating capacity and underenrolled or overcrowded schools and the like. Currently operational planning is happening, a task force will be established in April of community stakeholders, and further detailed next steps will be provided to the community at the May 2025 Board of Education meeting.
- ii. Midtown CAT Engagement Committee:** co-hosting Data Dig, partnering with CINS, March 25 at noon.

VI. Announcements

- a. March 14-- Night Owl, VHE Fundraiser & Auction**
- b. March 27—STEAM & Fine Arts Night**

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: Norwood, Seconded by: Cagle

Members Approving: Unanimous

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining:

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:54

Minutes Taken By: Melissa Clark

Position: GoTeam Secretary

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