Meeting Minutes

Midtown High School

Date: 29 September 2025

Time: 4:00- 5:00 PM

Public Viewing Link: https://www.youtube.com/@midtownhighschool2129

Physical Location: Counselor Suite (A200)

I. Call to Order

GO Team meeting begins at 4:04pm.

II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Name	Officer or Representative Position	Role	Present/Absent
Bockman, Betsy		**Principal**	*present*
Boyd, Lisa	Secretary	**Instructional Staff**	*present*
Bryant, Misty		**Swing Seat**	*present*
Dass, Permeil	Cluster Representative	**Instructional Staff**	*present*
Goldberg, Eric		**Parent/Guardian**	*present*
Goodman, Nora		**Student**	*present*
Jones, Tamara		**Community Member**	*present*
Kastorf, Kurt		**Parent/Guardian**	*present*
Keenan, Jenifer	Vice-Chair	**Parent/Guardian**	*present*
McKenzie, Christian		**Student**	*present*
Uzoka, Tre'Nee	Chair	**Instructional Staff**	*present*
OPEN		**Community Member**	

Quorum is present.

III. Action Items

A. Approval of Agenda

member	role	motion	second	aye	no	abstain
Bockman, Betsy	**Principal**			X		
Boyd, Lisa	**Instructional Staff**			X		
Bryant, Misty	**Swing Seat**			X		
Dass, Permeil	**Instructional Staff**	X		X		
Goldberg, Eric	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
Goodman, Nora	**Student**			X		
Jones, Tamara	**Community Member**			X		
Kastorf, Kurt	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
Keenan, Jenifer	**Parent/Guardian**		X	X		
McKenzie, Christian	**Student**			X		
Uzoka, Tre'Nee	**Instructional Staff**			X		
	Community Member					

Motion to Approve CARRIES on unanimous voice vote.

B. Approval of Previous Minutes (link to 25 Aug 2025 minutes)

member	role	motion	second	aye	no	abstain
Bockman, Betsy	**Principal**			X		
Boyd, Lisa	**Instructional Staff**			X		
Bryant, Misty	**Swing Seat**			X		
Dass, Permeil	**Instructional Staff**			X		
Goldberg, Eric	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
Goodman, Nora	**Student**			X		
Jones, Tamara	**Community Member**			X		

Kastorf, Kurt	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
Keenan, Jenifer	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
McKenzie, Christian	**Student**			X		
Uzoka, Tre'Nee	**Instructional Staff**			X		
	Community Member					

Motion to Approve CARRIES on unanimous voice vote.

C. Fill Open Community Member Seat

Agenda item postponed as nominated community member was absent. Needs to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

IV. Discussion Items

A. School Strategic Plan

i. Strategic Plan & Priorities Review

ii. SMART Goals

Review of 4 SMART goals established last year with evidence provided of all being met satisfactorily. Dr. Bockman shared news about increases in APS and Midtown graduation rates: APS 90.5% (surpassing state rate of 87.2%) and Midtown 95.34% (increase of 2.56%, exceeding SMART goal of 93%). Other APS highlights: **all-time high graduation rates** for black students (89.1%), students with disabilities (83.1%), English language learners (82.6%), and economically disadvantaged students (88.9%).

B. Data Discussion

i. MAP Results

GO Team student members emphasized that many students do not take the MAP tests seriously, which could significantly impact the reliability of scores. GO Team requested more detailed MAP reports so that parents can target specific skills at home.

ii. 2025 GA Milestones Results

Increase in ELL population (total & newcomers). ELL students outperformed APS total in Biology and Algebra but underperformed in American Literature and Composition. Exceptional students outperformed APS total on every

iii. AP Exams Results

2,134 students took AP Exams in 2025.

91.42% of students scored 3 or higher.
Increase in Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and Two or More Races of test-takers and percent of students who scored 3 or higher.
GO Team members requested data of percent of students who take AP Exams for classes in which they are enrolled as well as breakdown of AP scores of 3, 4, and 5.

iv. End-of-Pathway Assessment Results
Increase in pathway completers (195 in 23-24 to 234 in 24-25) and pass rates (77% in 23-24 to 91.4% in 24-25).

v. Glows & Grows

GO Team members emphasized the impressiveness of the AP Exam scores as well as the increase in test-taking and scores of 3 or higher for students of color. Noting Midtown's focus on increasing participation of students of color in AP courses, GO Team members would like to see that same emphasis applied to the growing ELL population in order to produce similar growth in scores.

V. Information Items

A. Principal's Report
Leveling and FY26 Budget Adjustment: Increased enrollment (1733 enrolled on day 15, 34 more students than projection of 1699) translates to budget-adjustment increase of $484,714. Increased funding for Chris 180; STEAM supplies, resources, and field trips; employee professional development beyond district-provided; computer equipment and web-based licenses; supplies, locker room refresh; overtime pay for clerks.

GO Team members asked questions about Spanish 3 & 4 in the same class and mentioned the possibility of hiring another Spanish teacher for SY27. Discussion about

B. Increased Enrollment Updates (Requested Information for GO Team members)
- **i.** Encouragement of early release/late arrival/dual enrollment
- **ii.** Addition of A Building
- **iii.** Paving of additional parking lot
- **iv.** Addition staff as needed (instructional and non-instructional)
- **v.** Creation of additional office space
- **vi.** Teachers floating without dedicated classrooms

vii. GO Team member questions: comparison of early release/late arrival/dual enrollment data for Midtown versus other APS high schools, breakdown of

numbers of students participating in early release/late arrival/dual enrollment. In response to questions about crowding in hallways/stairwells, student members of GO Team shared the tightly-packed nature of the stairwells and the congestion of hallways. GO Team also discussed the improvement of dining selections (different choices and a la carte options) and increase in the number of lines.

GO Team member shared that there is a new public survey based upon the updated ideas for Comprehensive Long-Range Facilities Plan and encourages everyone to take the survey (atlantapublicschools.us/APS2040).

GO Team members brainstormed and discussed different ideas for dealing with increased enrollment (utilizing unused space in ROTC, offering Zoom classes, creating 0 period 45-minute classes before school).

VI. Adjournment

member	role	motion	second	aye	no	abstain
Bockman, Betsy	**Principal**			X		
Boyd, Lisa	**Instructional Staff**	X		X		
Bryant, Misty	**Swing Seat**			X		
Dass, Permeil	**Instructional Staff**		X	X		
Goldberg, Eric	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
Goodman, Nora	**Student**			X		
Jones, Tamara	**Community Member**			X		
Kastorf, Kurt	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
Keenan, Jenifer	**Parent/Guardian**			X		
McKenzie, Christian	**Student**			X		
Uzoka, Tre'Nee	**Instructional Staff**			X		
	Community Member					

Motion to Approve CARRIES on unanimous vote of raised hands.

GO Team meeting ends at 5:29 pm.