

Summary of Workshop ~ November 2, 2016

The GO Team members present for the November 02, 2016 GO Team workshop at B.E. Mays HS were Arle Wilson-Dixon, Alexis Morris, Gina Rogers, Garnetta Penn and Richard Fowler. The GO Team members absent were Christy Muckle, Hershel Robinson, Marcia Jackson, Richard Fuqua and John Eaves.

The workshop was call to order by Arle Wilson-Dixon at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Items and Actions

Culture and Climate

Principal Fowler presented Discipline Referrals & Attendance data. The GO Team discussed how areas in the Climate Survey that were below the district average were affected by issues identified by the data. Clear rules for behavior and high standards for both teachers and students were of particular concern. The data indicates that 9th grade is most in need of attention. The need to recognize positive behavior was discussed, and how to raise create ways to encourage students to exhibit good behavior.

The bulk of the discipline referrals are:

1. How students communicate with others. (Students and teachers)
2. Tardiness to class and skipping class.
3. Disrupting the learning environment.

Recommendations made were:

1. Consider specific course scheduling for 9th grade.
2. Schedule the correct teachers for 9th grade.
3. Introduce a 9th grade transition week/program before start of school year.
4. Help Improve communication skills between students.
5. SEL may be taught in 9th grade in 90 minute blocks or in Social Studies (American Government), and infused intensively in the content area.
6. Create a system of good behavior referrals.

The GO Team discussed how to improve how safe students and teachers feel in the building. Increasing duty stations in the halls and on strategic doors in the building is one solution in monitoring the accessibility to the building. The main door intercom system will be moved from the attendance office to the mail office. Principal Fowler may also consider reconfiguring the location of offices to take better advantage of the building's configuration.

The GO team discussed the measures being taken to ensure that Mays is maintaining and increasing its graduation rate. Presently all seniors are tagged according to their graduation eligibility. Green tagged have either completed all classes to graduate or are in classes that will allow them to graduate. Yellow tagged are scheduled to take classes that will allow them to graduate. Red tagged are off track and additional resources are needed for them to graduate.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2016, but due to a conflict with Dr. Morris's Teacher of the Year Dinner the GO Team will be voting by email to reschedule the meeting to November 29, 2016.

The work session was adjourned at 7:43 PM by Arle Wilson-Dixon.
