Grady High School GO Team

Date: October 16, 2017

Location: Interactive Lab, Grady High School

Attendees: Blankenship, Bockman, Bray, Brewer, Corbett, Herrera, Kinard, Pilson

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03pm.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 14, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously (Motion: Herrera; 2nd: Bray)
3. Chair’s Report:
	1. Keziah Corbett was introduced and approved unanimously to be the Student Representative to serve on the Go Team.
	2. Strategic Plan Updates - The Go Team discussed progress towards goals and any changes that might need to be made as follows:
		1. The absolute number of students taking and scoring a 3 or higher on AP exams increased, but the percentage of the total students receiving a 3 decreased. This was due to a large increase in the number of students taking AP exams. This will probably change again next year, if the district no longer pays for everyone to take the exam. The school’s NMSI grant program will cover a significant portion, but not all. A Go Team member asked if there was any measure of correlation between student score, what was covered on the exam, and what was actually taught in the classroom. There is no direct measure now, but teachers’ syllabi are approved by the College Board and teachers have access to a portal that allows them to see domains of strength and weakness to evaluate material coverage. There is no training on how to effectively use the portal. This will be addressed in the PLCs.
		2. A Move on When ready transportation grant provided a means for additional students to take college level classes, increasing our number of participating students overall.
		3. Graduation rate of our Special Education population increased.
		4. The Go Team would like to consider adding a supplemental sheet to the plan that shows actual measures for tracking.
	3. Go Team Training - Corbett and Pilson were able to attend the Go Team Summit on September 30 and brought back valuable information, including a site for data updates and a brief summary of the autonomy waiver process. For waivers, the Go Teams present the proposal to the central district office. Decisions are made by Associate Superintendents.
		1. All Go Team members are asked to go online and complete the required annual training.
	4. Go Team Website - Secretary Kinard is working with Styles to update all information.
4. Principal’s Report:
	1. Grady Cluster Advisory Committee Update - The next meeting is October 30 at Inman Middle School. The advisory group has established a Technology committee to review and recommend use of technology across the cluster. Bockman recommended Styles as a representative.
5. Old Business:
	1. Committee Updates - The Go Team has discussed establishing a few different committees. Updates on committee establishment is as follows:
		1. Plagiarism - Herrera indicated that the committee has interest from staff members and they were awaiting final information from APS regarding the process for establishing a committee. The committee will be set up and review policy regarding student plagiarism and the best way to address issues.
		2. Grady Building - The district will begin seating the committee with nominations for members in April to begin meeting in May. The Go Team will add this to the January agenda for discussion of nominations.
		3. Career - There are currently advisory committees for each pathway at Grady. The team discussed that perhaps this is a method to achieve the goals without having to establish new committees. This led to an discussion the support students are receiving for career exploration. Highlights of the discussion:
			1. There will be a Career Expo on November 14 from 9am-2pm as part of College and Career Motivation week. The week will include a college application day and motivation speakers, as well. There will be many companies visiting to discuss career options with students. The Go Team can support this by identifying individuals and companies that would be willing to provide outreach and mentoring, which can be added to a database for teachers to access.
			2. Can SCAD be added as an option for Move on When Ready? Because it is a private school, there would need to be a special contract and would require additional funding to take classes. Could we have adjunct professors come to Grady to team? This could be an option.
	2. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) - Blankenship provided the student survey and the current advisory schedule for SEL. Teachers received a personalized link with survey information for their students and training on how to use the information, in order to tailor the lessons. The school provides the week’s SEL focus and teachers have the flexibility to add to it based on student needs. Herrera commented that this takes planning and is time-consuming. The Go Team brought up the idea of having some mixed grade level advisement process where seniors visit 9th grade classes, possibly earning volunteer hours.
	3. AP Grading Waiver - Currently, students can not receive a “C” in an AP class due to the extra ten points. The Go Team has discussed before making everything 75 and up eligible for the ten point bump but this could be seen as unfair and possibly discourage students from taking the AP classes. Grady is actively trying to get additional students into the AP program. The other option is to add the “C” by adding ten points to the 60-69 range, which would remove some pressure for the students. This would require a waiver. Bockman and Herrera will work on wording to present to the Go Team and the faculty.
	4. Teacher Gallup Survey - Faculty and staff will take the waiver again in December or January. The Go Team will add it for discussion at a future meeting.
6. New Business
	1. Dual Enrollment Schedule Challenges - Will add to November agenda.
	2. Math Curriculum Changes-Vertical Planning - Bray brought up a concern about the elimination of accelerated math at Inman Middle School. This would impact the math classes offered at Grady next year and could eventually mean students are not ready for Calculus BC senior year.
7. Public Comment - None
8. Announcements
	1. Bockman sent several teachers to an Ed Leader 21 conference, which was well-received.
	2. Jeff Cramer would like to step down from his potiions on the Go Team. Bockman will present a nomination to replace him at our next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Kinard

Go Team Secretary