

Meeting Summary/Minutes

Maynard H. Jackson High School

Date: December 2, 2020

Time: 16:30 (4:30 pm)

Location: <https://atlantapublicschools-us.zoom.us/j/87201211699?pwd=Sy8zWXhTRVVmMEgwaWZlZWZ1N4aGxhUT09>

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Meeting Highlights: MJHS Go-team approved the MJHS school priorities as listed below

Priority 1: M.H. Jackson will work to maintain: 1.) A robust offering of AP, IB, & Dual Enrollment courses with parity for all subgroups of students; 2.) Parity in each of the signature programs of IB, AP, and dual enrollment that is reflective of all subgroups of our school population; 3.) High-quality teaching that provides well-defined and deliberately-designed instruction that is inquiry-based, creative, interdisciplinary, technology-rich, and student-centered; and 4.) MJHS will prioritize developing a long term structural plan to deal with the ongoing COVID impacts on our education.

Priority 2: MJHS will build a healthy school culture & climate for students, staff, and parents.

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Adam Danser	Present
Chair (Parent/Guardian)	Kimberly Solomon	Present
Vice-Chair (Parent/Guardian)	Kamau Bobb	Present
Secretary (Parent/Guardian)	Rene Esler	Present
Instructional Staff	Anthony DeCosta	Absent
Instructional Staff	Jandi Harris	Present
Instructional Staff	David C. Eberhart II	Absent
Community Member	Garry Long	Absent
Community Member	Virgil Murray	Present
Swing Seat	Allison Whittaker – Brown	Absent
Student	Chase Dawkins	Present
(APS Observer)	Yusuf King	Present

- III. Meeting Norms Reviewed
- IV. Public Comment
 - a. No public comments
- V. Action Items
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Approved by Dr. Kim Soloman

- ii. Seconded by Jandi Harris. Approved unanimously.
- b. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - i. Approved by Soloman
 - ii. Seconded by Dr. Kamau Bobb. Approved unanimously.
- c. Approval of Strategic Plan Priorities
 - i. Dr. Adam Danser explained that after discussing the best approaches to strategic plan prioritization with Travis Norvell (APS representative), he recommends that the Go-team look to find two priority items in the strategic plan that can be approved going into the budget season.
 - ii. Last year's strategic plan changes included a focus on parity on AP and IB classes (diploma and career).
 - iii. The GO team proposed the following priorities for MJHS for the upcoming year

Priority 1:

M.H. Jackson will work to maintain:

- A robust offering of AP, IB, & Dual Enrollment courses with parity for all subgroups of students;
- Parity in each of the signature programs of IB, AP, and dual enrollment that is reflective of all subgroups of our school population;
- High-quality teaching that provides well-defined and deliberately-designed instruction that is inquiry-based, creative, interdisciplinary, technology-rich, and student-centered; and

MJHS will prioritize developing a long term structural plan to deal with the ongoing COVID impacts on our education.

Priority 2:

Build a healthy school culture & climate for students, staff, and parents.

1. Bobb made the motion to approve the priorities
2. Virgil Murray seconded the motion
3. The priorities were unanimously approved.

VI. Discussion Items

- a. Discussion Item 1: IB/AP Demographic Data; Graduation Rate
 - i. 2020 graduation rates were hindered by the COVID shut down. At least five (5) students were slated for graduation but weren't able to address the final graduation requirements in time. Three (3) of the five (5) graduated later in 2020.
 1. Danser reviewed the subgroup data from 2014-2020 and provided insight into overall trends in graduation rates by subgroup.
- b. Discussion Item 2: Strategic Plan Priorities

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- i. Danser provided an overview of which priorities were approved by the previous GO team.
 - ii. Bobb asked how the current/ongoing quarantine might affect our priorities.
 1. Danser highlighted Jaguar Learning lab and other programs will continue to help students who are not succeeding in the current remote environment. Strategies include remediation and enrichment.
 - iii. Team expressed concerns about how the pandemic and remote learning may affect performance of students that will be coming into MJHS in future years.
 1. Danser said MJHS was also planning to offer teachers early releases one day each month that they could use for professional development, but COVID affected the implementation of this plan. Could be applied in 2021/2022.
 2. Soloman suggested that the strategic plan speak to the virtual realities that the students are facing and will continue to face.
 3. Team agreed support needs to be specific to students and teachers
 - iv. Bobb suggested that team be purposeful and specific in identifying its strategic school priorities and acknowledge the impact, the disruption and the opportunity of virtual learning.
 1. Infrastructure will be very important moving forward.
 2. Important to develop an innovative and response strategy to address the ongoing impact of COVID.
 - v. Bobb suggested adding **“MJHS will prioritize developing a long term structural plan to deal with the ongoing COVID impacts on our education”** to the strategic plan.
 1. Harris suggested that the Strategies section of the plan could be a place where school can emphasize impact of, and response to COVID
 2. Virgil Murray confirmed a need to prioritize virtual learning and focus on what both teachers and students need to be successful in this environment.
 3. Murray made a motion to accept the suggested edits to the strategic plan.
 - a. Rene Esler seconded the motion
 4. The GO team unanimously confirmed the changes.
 5. Soloman asked if there would be additional funds available to school related to COVID needs. Danser responded that he wasn't aware of any new funds that were going to be specific to MJHS
- c. Discussion Item 3: Cluster Advisory Team Meeting Update
- i. Danser expressed confidence that MJHS will maintain Title 1 status, but is still missing 500 family responses to the eligibility forms.
 1. Bright note- MJHS had the highest response rate of any APS school.
 - ii. MJHS continues its emphasis on student support services.

VII. Information Items

- a. Principal's Report
 - i. Danser reported that APS Return and Learn Plan will be discussed at the district wide town hall, where the Superintendent will share most recent plan.
 - ii. An MJHS specific town hall will follow the district wide town hall.
 - 1. Danser will send information out to the MJHS family following Superintendent call.
 - iii. More than \$2200 raised to provide 57 families with grocery store gift cards to help with meals over the school holidays.
- b. Jackson Cluster Dinner Program Update
 - i. Murray reported that Chef Kevin Gillespie (GunShow) is providing meals to needy families in the Jackson cluster.
 - ii. Murray and Danser are working to implement the program with Chef Gillespie.
 - iii. Currently almost 100 families that have requested meals. Number is expected to grow.

VIII. Announcements

- a. No additional announcements

IX. Adjournment motion

- a. Bobb made the motion
- b. Murray seconded the motion. Passed unanimously
- c. Meeting adjourned.
- d. **Next meeting is scheduled for February 3.**