

Call to order

A meeting of the GO Team for Maynard H. Jackson High School was held at Brass Tap on June 27th.

Attendees

Attendees included [list names of GO Team members present].

Beth Wells	Alex Elliott	Yusef King	David Liburd
Virgil Murray	Don Grant	Shemeka Maddox	Ashley Rouse

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included [list names].

Stephanie Johnson			
Geraldine Jackson			

Is there are quorum present? Circle or highlight **Yes** or No

Public in attendance

Stan Johnson	Kristan Johnson	Lynn Brandli	Mo Ivory
Okorie Johnson	Teresa Finlayson		

Changes Made to Minutes

1. XXXX
2. XXXX
3. XXXX

Minutes approved? Circle or highlight **Yes** or No

Information Items

Announcements

- I. **Meeting called to order at 8:20pm.**
 - a. Roll call done for attending members
 - b. Quorum status was determined.
 - c. Minutes approved.
 - d. Public forum open. Limited to 5 minutes per person with a maximum time of 30 minutes.
- II. Action Items:
 - a. Principal Transition
 - i. We do not get to help with the search, however we will be part of the interview process and create the interview questions.
 - ii. What we know is that Adam Danser is going to be the interim principal
 - iii. We need to talk to Emily Massey and make sure that they are aware of what our wants/needs are
 1. Ashely suggest that we reach out to the feeder school Go Teams
 2. Beth says that it is a good idea to make committees within our Go Team so that we can create questions that represent the interest of all of our community members
 3. Beth said that for smaller schools in the past they have been able to have town hall meetings for the final candidates
 4. Don said that is highly unlikely. He also said that we should highly recommend to HR that we do not rush to hire someone because our pool of candidates will be limited if it is in the middle of the year. I agree with this and add that it will be chaotic for the students to have leadership change mid-year. The consensus is that we are all happy to have a competent interim who we are confident will continue with the mission of the school.
 5. Beth says we will seek out what our role is in this process. Beth says we hope the process would begin January/February ideally.

6. Beth asked what happened at Parkside? The candidate that they ended up with was not the candidate that the community wanted.....
7. Don says that it would look bad if we go from having a nationally recognized principal then to end up with whatever candidate that is left in the pool.
8. Virgil suggest that Emily Massey and others involved in the process explain to us what the process is. Beth adds that it is important for us to have a plan of what role we would like to play.
9. Beth emphasizes that it is important to hire someone who is moving in the same direction that our school is moving in. Especially in offering equal education for all.
10. Beth asks us to brainstorm 5 things that we are looking for:
 - a. Equity in Education
 - b. Maintaining partners
 - i. Don says that it will be difficult to match the energy that Mrs. Johnson has.
 - c. Empathy and student engagement
 - d. Accessible and an open door policy
 - e. Accountability for teachers
 - f. Ability to delegate
 - g. A leader who has a vision for our school in the future - 5 years? 10 years?
 - h. Ability to be a leader within the cluster
 - i. Interested in the international identity that we have started to create at MJ
 - j. Uniqueness of our cluster
 - k. Kind and isn't going to give up on any of the kids (loves the kids)
 - l. Approachable to the kids, parents, teachers, community
 - m. Recognizes the school's role in the entire year of the student
 - n. Created programs based on the students
11. Beth asked if we should take these ideas and form them into questions within committees
 - a. Mr. King asked how many questions we should have
 - i. Don says that there is a good chance they won't take our questions. David says then we need to then make sure we bring up what questions are most important to us.
 - ii. Who are the people that are in the hiring process: Emily Massey, David Jernigan, Dan Sims, Meria
 - iii. Mr. King says that it is very important that the candidate knows that Jackson is very unique and has different neighborhoods that all need to be served
12. Beth makes a motion to allow public comment at the end.
13. Let's have 3 committees: teacher, community, parents

- a. Tentatively have questions done by end of July, we will put the questions in a google doc. We just won't vote on them.
 - b. We should see if we can meet again during the week of July 10th. Beth will do a doodle.
14. Would we like to issue a statement from the Go Team? Consensus is yes that we would to issue a statement that shows our support. We also want to do a celebration to welcome Mr. Danser to show our support.
15. Ashley is going to contact Edwin Baker from PTSA, the rest of us will contact others (sports, band, dancers, etc.)
- III. Public Comment:
- a. HR determines whether they are qualified candidates, but do we know what is the criteria to be eligible as a qualified candidate?
 - i. We do not know this
 - b. Do we know if there are head hunters or professional board involved?
 - i. Last time this happened LSC wasn't happy with the candidates and asked for more. Mrs. Johnson came from Clayton County
 - ii. Beth follows up to this by asking what can we as a board do to get this job out to as many people as possible? Virgil says we should make recommendations to where we post the job.
 - iii. Don suggest that a parent bring it up to the board
 - c. Where are the Board meetings?
 - i. CLL building, have to sign up by 5:30, meeting starts at 6, can only speak for 2 minutes
 - d. Another parent brings up that while there may be qualified candidates nation-wide we need to remember that Adam Danser is qualified
 - e. Are there job talks? Where the principal candidates would have to present to the public how they plan to deal with the issues of the community.
 - f. The community engagement is a big part of what Johnson does, and we know that Danser is already doing that. Is he able to become principal? Is it easier to fill Danser or Johnson's role?
 - g. Maybe at the beginning of the school year we can have some sort of a town hall where parents can come in and discuss what we want for our principal.
- IV. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn by Beth
 - b. Adjourn meeting @ 9:30pm

Alexandra Elliott
Secretary

6/27/17
Date of approval