

**Call to order**

A meeting of the GO Team for Maynard H. Jackson High School was held in the Media Center on August 14, 2017 at 6:00pm.

**Attendees**

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

Beth Wells	Alex Elliott	Yusef King	Adam Danser
Virgil Murray	Don Grant	Shemeka Maddox	Ashley Rouse
Yusef Grant			

**Members not in attendance**

Members not in attendance included [list names].

David Liburd			
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**Public in attendance**

Lisa Roberson	Kimberly Brooks	Lynn Brandli	Kristan Johnson
Stan Johnson	Tequila Lamare	Annette Wawerna	Marie Forrest

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

**Changes Made to Minutes**

1. Separated the members and visitors on the attendance sheet.

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

## Information Items

### Announcements

- I. **Opening Items**
  - a. **Call to Order**
  - b. **Roll Call**
  - c. **Determine quorum status**
  - d. **Introductions**
    - i. **Board members**
    - ii. **Public**
  - e. **Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting**
  - f. **Public Comment** - Kimberly Brooks introduced herself and said she was here because she was interested in understanding the role of the Go Team and how she can be involved. Beth explained that there is a website that describes all of this but we will be happy answer any questions that she has after the meeting.
- II. **Action Items**
  - a. **Elect officers**
    - i. **Chair** - Beth Wells (elected unanimously)
    - ii. **Vice-chair** - Yusef King (elected unanimously)
    - iii. **Secretary** - Alex Elliott (elected unanimously)
    - iv. **Cluster Representative** - Don Grant (elected unanimously)
  - b. **Elect student member** - Kaylann Teasley is nominated
  - c. **Confirmation of meeting norms** - meeting norms were read by Beth Wells and unanimously approved to stay the same. We also agreed to use an abbreviated form of Robert's Rules and permit motions to be brought without a second due to the small size of the board
  - d. **Finalize Meeting Dates** - unanimously passed
  - e. **Approval of public comment format** - we have agreed to have public members come 5 minutes early to be put on the agenda with their issues.
- III. **Discussion Items**
  - a. **Celebration of Ms. Johnson** - Mr. Danser brought the idea to the leadership team about naming something in Mrs. Johnson's honor, specifically maybe something related to sports and school spirit. Beth suggest that we honor her at the Grady game because they also know and support her. Beth asked who all need to be involved in this and if we can do something similar to what happened for her on the roof before the National Principal finalists in Washington. Virgil suggest that we name the field after her because of her love of football. Mr. Danser says that he thinks the gym is a better idea because it can be a better presentation and we have a sound system in the gym. Beth suggest that at the September meeting we have a notion of what exactly we plan to do.
  - b. **Brick fundraiser** - Beth spoke with Carolyn (who took Noletha's role) and asked about fundraising. There is no prohibition for the GO Team to fundraise but she should discuss why we need to fundraise. We discuss why we need to fundraise if the PTSA

already does fundraising. Beth says in a school where she was on the board previously, fundraising was done by the board through a committee. Don said that we can do an annual campaign. Beth says we should talk about what we as a board would raise funds for that is not covered by PTSA or other groups. Don said that one idea would be to have funds to support academics available. There is discussion about how AP tests are covered. Yusef said at this time students to pay 10% to 30% depending on financial need but that this could change in the future. Right now we have some money left over from the grant last year to cover that 10 to 30%.

Mr. Danser said that he does think that funding for trips for students would be useful and based on the survey there are several international trips that will occur, but he also wants to push for domestic travel as well. Virgil says that a lot of times colleges and universities are willing to help with partial payment. Mr. King asked if we should come up with a numeric goal, but Beth says she thinks we need to have a structure in place before we start setting goals. Then the people on the fundraising committee will come up with the actual ideas for fundraising. A question is asked what 501C3 we would fall under if we do fundraising. Ashley said that the PTSA likely cannot do it so Mr. King asked how the Jackson Cluster Foundation was working and whether we could fall under that? Ashley said because they are just starting and they are here for the whole cluster it probably would not be a good idea. Beth asked why we would not be covered by the school's 501( c ) ( 3 ) status. Mr. Danser thinks that would work as other clubs in the school do it that way. Beth asked if anyone is interested in being in charge of the fundraising. Ashley says she will do it and Virgil will help out. Beth says the decision to fundraise and how it will be implemented will be finalized at the September meeting. We will have stated goals of what the fundraising will be for before we finalize.

- c. **Securing back area of school** - Mr. Danser said anyone who is around the school knows that we are a cut through for various activities in the community and the unfinished beltline is not a safe area. Mr. Danser said at some point we are going to have to lock the gate, but it will require someone to go out and open for food delivery and for cafeteria workers. He is hoping we can get some sort of electronic fence. Virgil asked if it is a district issue because it is a safety issue. Mr. Danser says he has brought it up on that level several times, but he wants to be proactive. Mr. Danser said that we do at least have a golf cart that will go mobile tomorrow from about 11am-3pm to keep track of traffic going through the area. Mr. Danser said he doesn't want to close the area off to the community, but during the day we need to be able to focus more on what is going on inside the building rather than be concerned with the back area being monitored. There has been a road approved from Berne to cut through?
- d. **2016/17 GO Team Self Assessment Study** - Beth thanks everyone for completing this. Beth said that there were no real issues of concern, however several ppl did not think we finished tasks in a timely manner, so we will work on that. She also notes that the survey says that some members do not agree that we keep stakeholders informed on how we are making progress with academic achievement. Also, several people were concerned that some members are focused on forwarding their own agenda and Beth said we need to be mindful of that.

- e. Principal Selection Process update - Beth said that in regards to the principal process the district will not move as quickly as we thought in the previous meeting and will notify us of the process when it gets closer. Mr. Danser goes on the record saying that he plans to interview for the job and wants to continue on. He also confirms that he does have a contract through this school year.
- f. **MJHS policy amendment** - Mr. Danser raises the question of whether taking away the 10 points from students who do not sit for the AP/IB Exams is the best way to encourage students to take the course and to take the exam. He is worried that this would discourage students from taking AP/IB classes. He points out that we significantly increased the numbers of students taking the exam last year and that the school is actively pursuing ways to encourage more students to take the classes and to take the exams. He notes that we may not have the function on Infinite Campus to currently be able to do that. Ms. Jackson says that one reason for this proposal was to ensure that the students who are in this class want to be there and do the work. Alex adds that rather than discouraging students from the class that it will actually encourage them. Mr. Danser says that based on the CCRPI meeting from today we still benefit from having students in the AP classes regardless of passing the test. Mr. Danser wants us to clarify in the proposed amendment to allow students the opportunity to test out of milestones that they must show proficiency before, we need to clarify that the amendment applies to current Maynard Jackson students. We discuss and decide that we need to add into the wording the specific criteria, which will be written approval from counselor and administrator, then a parent meeting will be held. We then look at the extracurricular amendment and discuss who is going to implement this and how frequently are we going to check it. We agree to revisit the policy amendments at the September meeting for final approval so that Mr. Danser will have an opportunity to fully review. Based on the discussion, the following changes to the policy are suggested:
  - i. Section V - Change “regardless of academic status” to “Regardless of their earned final grade in the class” to ensure that our intentions for the change are clear.
  - ii. Remove completely the second bullet point in section V about students having to take the AP exam to get the 10 point.
  - iii. Make sure the change in section IV from “must” to “may” that was discussed in the 6/22/17 meeting is made on the final policy.
  - iv. In Section VII, change add “Maynard Jackson High School” before student to reflect that this only applies to students already enrolled in MJHS.
  - v. Add in language reflecting that approval to take the test requires a meeting with the counselor and the principal or his designee and written approval from them.
- g. There is a Go Team Orientation meeting September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> is a proposed celebration for all Go Teams.

#### IV. Information Items

- a. **Principal’s report**
  - i. The coffee went well

- ii. We will get our current CCRPI scores in about a month. However, after this year the criteria for CCRPI scores will change. The CCRPI will be discussed more fully at a later meeting, probably in September. In the new criteria for CCRPI, there are not as many indicators and there is a lot more pressure on ELA and Math. 22.5 of the 30 points we get in Content are from those two subjects.

V. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Beth
- b. Adjourn meeting @ 7:41

Alexandra Elliott

8/14/17

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Secretary

Date of approval