

MEETING MINUTES

Maynard H. Jackson High School

Date: **Monday, May 20, 2019**

Time: **5:00 pm**

Location: **MJHS Media Center**

- I. Call to order: **5:21 pm**
- II. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Role	Name (or Vacant)	Present or Absent
Principal	Adam Danser	present
Parent/Guardian	Beth Wells	present
Parent/Guardian	Don Grant	present
Parent/Guardian	David Liburd	absent
Instructional Staff	Yusef King	present
Instructional Staff	Denise King	present
Instructional Staff	David Eberhart	absent
Community Member	Virgil Murray	absent
Community Member	Ashley Rouse	absent
Swing Seat	Shemeka Maddox	present
Student	Osazi Al Khaliq	absent

Quorum Established: **Yes**

- III. **Public Comment:** Mr. Danser addresses an email that was sent to the GO Team from a parent expressing concern about the quality of the current CTAE pathways, teacher turnover, and a more robust music program with various examples and anecdotes. The principal replies that steps are being taken to refine the CTAE pathway courses. He also stated that they are currently in the process of hiring a variety of high quality teachers for any applicable vacant positions. He also alludes to a new band and orchestra teacher that will help grow the musical and fine arts programs at MJHS. He also mentions a partnership with Georgia Tech that will help with Computer Science and potentially, the engineering pathway.

IV. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Yusef King**; Seconded by: **Virgil Murray**
 Members Approving: ALL
 Members Opposing: NONE
 Members Abstaining: NONE
Motion: Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:**
 Motion made by: **Beth Wells**; Seconded by: **Don Grant**
 Members Approving: All present except **Virgil Murray**
 Members Opposing: NONE
 Members Abstaining: **Virgil Murray**
Motion: Passes

V. Discussion Items

- **Set first meeting for 2019-2020**
 1. The first GO Team meeting for the 2019-2020 school year is set for Monday, August 26, 2019, at 6pm in the media center.
- **Facilities Committee Report**
 1. A representative discussed how the goal is to start working on a field house by January 2020. They want 1200-seat bleachers on top, not a full sized stadium – so it could be used for soccer, lacrosse, track, and JV football, but it could not be used for playoffs and varsity games. \$600,000 of additional expenses should be covered by TSPLOST. Washington High School wants a stadium also. They are prepping the facilities representatives and some board members to meet and discuss/propose their plans. The official meeting will take place in January. They have a set design. These two projects (stadium and field house) need to be aligned. They would like restrooms, storage facilities, and concessions. The entire project should cost approximately \$1.2 million. The new track is a huge project and, at this point, may not be worth the effort. Lakewood is currently the only track with 8 lanes.

Motion of support for the facilities committee is made by: **Don Grant**;

Seconded by: **Virgil Murray**

Motion: Passes

VI. Information Items

a. Principal's Report

- The principal highlights the college enrollment data, highlighting that the percentage of students walking into a 2 or 4 year school upon graduation went from 55% in 2017 to 70%. Next, they are trying to work on student persistence and determining whether or not the colleges that students are applying to and/or getting into are really the best fit for the individual student.
- The principal and Mr. King highlighted a successful testing season in which we were slated to administer 669 AP exams. We will receive the scores on July. 2019 is also the largest graduating class in school history with 260 graduates; there were 225 in 2018. During the Visions Ceremony, there was a least 3 times the awards that were given last year. The principal also suggests carpooling, or taking an Uber or MARTA to the graduation as it will be extremely difficult to park.
- Mr. Danser then discusses the dedication for the new and improved MJHS Rooftop Garden through a partnership with the One Love Foundation and Dunbar Elementary School. This builds a partnership with other gardens in South Africa and Jamaica.
- The principal also highlights the record number of scholarships. Mr. King mentions the increase in the number of participants in the IBDP and that it is the most socioeconomically and academically diverse cohort. He also mentions the increase in college enrollment and the increased exclusivity of the colleges and universities into which more MJHS students are being accepted.

- b. GO Team Election
 - The GO Team congratulates the newest GO Team members, Mr. Anthony DeCosta and Mr. Kamau Bobb.
- c. Family Engagement Committee Update
 - The group will start meeting in conjunction with the PTSA.
- d. Maynard Jackson Cluster Foundation update
 - This information was covered in the Facilities Committee Report.
- e. CAT Report
 - There has not been a new CAT meeting set.
- f. GO Team self-assessment
 - Mr. Grant urges the members to complete the online GO Team self-assessment.
- g. Website update with new members added.
 - Mrs. Wells suggests waiting until August to change the members on the website, as APS may have a way of updating this information online.

VII. Announcements

- a. NA

VIII. Adjournment

Motion made by: **Beth Wells**; Seconded by: **Don Grant**

Members Approving: All

Members Opposing: None

Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 6:20 pm

Minutes Taken By: **Yusef King**

Position: **MJHS GO Team Secretary**

Date Approved: **[Insert Date When Approved]**