

MEETING MINUTES

Maynard H. Jackson High School

Date: Monday, August 27, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: MJHS Media Center

- I. Call to order: 6:05 pm
- II. Roll Call

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	present
Instructional Staff	Yusef King	present
Instructional Staff	Denise King	present
Instructional Staff	David Eberhart	present
Community Member	Virgil Murray	present
Community Member	Ashley Rouse	present
Swing Seat	Shemeka Maddox	present
Student	Osazi Al Khaliq	present

Quorum Established: **Yes**

III. Action Items

- a. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by: **Don Grant**; Seconded by: **David Liburd**
 Members Approving: ALL
 Members Opposing: NONE
 Members Abstaining: NONE
Motion: Passes
- b. **Approval of Previous Minutes:** *List amendments to the minutes:*
 Motion made by: **Don Grant**; Seconded by: **Shemeka Maddox**
 Members Approving: ALL
 Members Opposing: NONE
 Members Abstaining: NONE
Motion: Passes

c. **Fill Open Community Member Seat: Ashley Rouse**

Open Position:	Community Member
Nominee's Name:	Ashley Rouse
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

d. **Election of Officers**

i. **Chair: Result: Don Grant**

Officer Position:	Chair
Nominee's Name:	Don Grant
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

ii. **Vice Chair: Result: Beth Wells**

Officer Position:	Vice Chair
Nominee's Name:	Beth Wells
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

iii. **Secretary: Result: Yusef King**

Officer Position:	Secretary
Nominee's Name:	Yusef King
GO Team Members In favor	ALL

GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

iv. Cluster Representative: Result: Ashley Rouse

Officer Position:	Cluster-Representative
Nominee's Name:	Ashley Rouse
GO Team Members In favor	ALL
GO Team Members Opposed	NONE
GO Team Members Abstaining	NONE

- e. **For High Schools: Appoint Student Representative**
Student Representative: Osazi Al Khaliq
- f. **Set GO Team Meeting Calendar** (*GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment*)

	Date	Time	Location	Public Comment (Yes/No)
1	8/27/18	6:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes
2	9/24/18	6:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes
3	10/29/18	6:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes
4	11/26/18	6:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes
5	2/4/19	6:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes
6	3/6/19	7:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes
7	4/9/19	6:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes
8	5/6/19	6:00 pm	MJHS media center	yes

Review and Approve Public Comment Format

Public comment is limited to 5 minutes / person with a maximum time of 30 minutes for public comment.

Motion to adopt made by: **Beth Wells**; Seconded by: **Shameka Maddox**

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: **Passes**

Review and Adopt GO Team Norms

- This is a meeting of the GO Team. Only members of the team may participate in the discussion. Any members of the public present are here to quietly observe other than in public comment.
- We will be fully present.
- We will follow the agenda as noticed to the public and stay on task.
- We will be respectful of each other at all times.
- We will be open-minded.
- We invite and welcome contributions of every member and listen to each other.
- We will respect all ideas and assume good intentions.
- We will approach differences in opinion with curiosity.

Motion made by: **Don Grant**; Seconded by: **Virgil Murray**

Members Approving: ALL

Members Opposing: NONE

Members Abstaining: NONE

Motion: **Passes**

IV. Information Items

- a. **Principal's Report:** The principal, Mr. Adam Danser, states that there will be a vote on the final budget prior to March 9, 2019. However, before then, he will need to present the budget during an initial meeting; then the budget must be voted upon and finalized prior to March 9. There will be a work session in which the public can attend and give commentary. However, no quorum is necessary. The principal will take the public comments into account prior to presenting it to the GO Team. Because of this, the principal and various GO Team members adjusted the GO Team meeting calendar accordingly. (The approved calendar is included in this document.)

Due to an increased student population, MJHS has been allotted additional funding. With it, the principal would like to bring back a Mathematics Instructional Coach, filling the vacancy left by Dr. Latchman's promotion to Assistant Principal. He explained that it would more positively affect a greater number of students than using the money for an additional math teacher. He is waiting to see if the school will earn any additional money due to the numbers of Special Education students. If the school is able to get enough money for "half" a teacher, the principal would like to bring back an additional paraprofessional.

When posed the question about whether the candidate pool is lower since it is so late in the school year, the principal replied that an instructional coach position is a promotion. Therefore, the candidate pool is full of potential current APS employees. He also considers candidates from northern cities and states where schools start later in the year. With any additional money, the principal would like to order more technology, like Chromebook carts. He also would like to increase funding for hourly teacher tutors and the ninth-grade summer bridge program.

The principal then alluded to the fact that student population has grown to about 1281. MJHS is now 78% Black, 12% White, 6% Hispanic, and 3% Asian, biracial, etc., with 57% of the total population qualifying as low-income. However, MJHS is still a Title I school, but compares with no other high school in APS. MJHS had 229 graduating seniors as well as 4 to 5 students that will graduate in December. This year, there are 270 seniors in the building. Last year, it was around 240. It is definitely a larger class, and it is the smallest of all the other cohorts. The school still has to figure out what happened to some students who left for West End Academy, Crim, and other nontraditional alternatives to get the most accurate graduation numbers.

Since it has been a while since the GO Team last met, the principal explained that he had a few more “buckets” to discuss. During the SAMs Process, the principal was shadowed so that APS can get a sense of his various responsibilities and assess the need for an additional position to garner more time for principal-specific tasks. Therrell, Mays, and South Atlanta High Schools are piloting this program as well. Former Assistant Principal, Ms. Melissa Gautreaux is now the new School Business Manager. The principal meets every morning with Ms. Gautreaux to discuss the business of the day. That way, he can work more closely with key faculty members and provide face-to-face feedback. He also discussed the school culture and playing entertaining music in the mornings.

Next, the principal discussed Milestone Test data. US History did well; ELA “took a hit” but the gains were so large the previous year that most subjects fell between 2016 and 2017 ranges. He discussed the increase in AP enrollment and scores as well as the decrease in the IB Diploma rate in 2018. Mr. King added that various factors lead to the decline including low morale and lackluster performance, but added that he and the IB teachers are taking steps to ensure that students maximize the opportunity for “extra” points from the Extended Essay and Prescribed Title Essay (or “TOK Paper”). They would also order the previously taken IB/AP Exam and materials to closely evaluate the 2018 scores/results. When asked, Mr. King explained that there are currently 32 DP seniors, 18 CP seniors, 37 DP juniors, and 12 CP juniors (totaling 69 DP students

and 30 CP students; 99 DP/CP students combined). Both Mr. King and Mr. Danser expressed optimism that there will be far better IB Exam results in 2019 for various reasons, including the sheer numbers of the students, as well as more camaraderie and an overall more positive attitude. Mr. King also mentioned a plan to have the graduated IB students return to build a sense of unity and to let the current students know that the Diploma is good, but most IB students do well regardless of whether they earn the diploma or not. The principal also alluded to the growing number of students in Dual Enrollment. Mrs. Gelaude, a visiting parent commented requesting thoroughly detailed data about the AP and IB results in a spreadsheet. Mr. King said that he would provide that information.

Finally, the principal mentioned that Jackson has the lowest suspension rate in the district. Attendance is increasing as well and absences are only at 10%. However, attendance is worse with the seniors. After opening the floor to questions, Virgil Murray asked about STEM and computer science options. Mr. Danser explained that MJHS has so many academic options, that it would be difficult to build capacity for that class. However, dual enrollment is a very viable option for those who really want to pursue harder math and STEM-related fields/courses. Vocational options with Atlanta Technical College are also under way. He explained that it can technically start in tenth grade, but students must make a qualifying score on the Accuplacer exam. 20 students are attempting to enroll now. When asked about an AP Study Skills class, the principal replied that it would be difficult because there is so little room in the student schedules.

- b. **MJHS Cluster Update:** Ms. Ashley Rouse explains that there is not much new information about the Jackson Cluster Foundation. She mentioned there are only a few people on the board at this time, but paperwork is being filed to determine what it would look like if an official athletic stadium was built on the MJHS campus.
- c. **Environmental Plan / Quarry Update** – Beth has spoken with Mr. Danser about this. He will speak to the district to see what we are permitted to do. The suggestion from the firm who was consulted was to file a complaint with the EPD (Environmental Protection Division) regarding visible dust emanating from the quarry. EPD will then investigate to insure that the quarry comply with environmental regulations. Mr. Danser notes that there was quite a bit of dust being blown toward the school from the beltline today. Beth – part of the assessment will be to determine if there are other sources for the dust.

V. Announcements

- a. GO Team Summit – Saturday, Sept 22, 2018

VI. Adjournment

Motion made by: **Virgil Murray**; Seconded by: **Ashley Rouse**

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Members Approving: All
Members Opposing: None
Members Abstaining: None

Motion Passes

ADJOURNED AT 7:54 pm

Minutes Taken By: Yusef King

Position: MJHS GO Team Secretary

Date Approved: 9/24/18