

# Meeting Summary

Maynard Jackson High School

Date: **September 30 2020**

Time: **1630 (4:30 pm)**

Location: **ZOOM** - Meeting ID 811 1635 4959, Password: goteam

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call

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

### III. Action Items

- a. Approval of Agenda (Motioned by David Eberhart; Seconded by Virgil Murray; passed unanimously)
- b. Fill Open Community Member Seat: Principal Danser nominated Gary Long (Motioned by David Eberhart; Seconded by Virgil Murray; passed unanimously)
- c. Approval of Previous Minutes (Motioned by David Eberhart; Seconded by Virgil Murray; Motion Passed 3 Abstentions **Garry Long, Rene Esler, Jandi Harris** )
- d. *For High Schools*: Appoint Student Representative: Principal Danser appointed Chase Dawkins to the position.
- e. Review and Approve Public Comment Format: Public comment will be available at a minimum of 4 meetings as noted in the agenda for the specific meeting with the goal being to provide time for public comment at a maximum number of meetings possible during the school yea. Comment is limited to 5 minutes per person with a maximum of 30 minutes public comment per meeting. (Motioned by David Eberhart; Seconded by Virgil Murray; Motioned passed unanimously to keep the same format as last year.)
- f. Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Norms. (Motioned by Gary Long; Seconded by Virgil Murray; passed unanimously) GO Team Meeting Calendar (GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment) Cannot be held during the school day. Proposed Meeting Dates this year with virtual meetings having a start time of 4:30 pm (1630):
  - 30 September 2020
  - 28 October 2020 at 4:30 pm
  - 2 December 2020 at 4:30 pm
  - 3 February 2021 (budget-1)

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- 3 March 2021 (budget approval)
- 21 April 2021 (final meeting)

Gary motioned, Eberhart 2 (no opposed no abstain)

#### **IV. Public comment – this meeting did not allow for public comment**

#### **V. Discussion Items**

- a. Go Team Committees: Due to a possible run off (which was canceled at the last minute) this item was tabled till the October Meeting.
  - i. Kamau Bobb offered to continue going to the CAT meetings
  - ii. Dr. Danser introduced the Social Justice Programs specifically the Black student Union.
  - iii. Jandi Harris spoke about the Black Student Union and how they want equity in all programs (IB, AP, Honors) at the school.
  - iv. Chase Dawkins asked to be a part of the Black Student Union.
- b. MJHS Mission and Vision Update
  - i. Dr. Danser stated there is a district strategic plan updated and that the go team should review the districts new 5 year plan. The schools need to look at their strategic plans and ensure that our 5 year plan is aligned to the new plan. Equity is forefront in the new plan.
  - ii. Dr. Danser also stated that our mission and vision statement may not be aligned to our future. We may be missing the language of the I.B. program in our mission and vision for the school. We need to align our vision, mission, and our strategic plan along with our I.B. cluster plan.
- c. GO Team Officers:
  - i. Dr. Danser welcomed everyone to the Go Team. Introductions were given round the table.

#### **VI. Information Items**

- a. Return + Learn Plan
  - i. Dr. Danser spoke about our virtual learning platform. It is not perfect but it is working. People may feel a little lonely in the virtual space
  - ii. The 4x4 block is for this year so the students can focus on 4 classes in this virtual world.
  - iii. District conversation has started about returning to school. Dr. Danser said he is committed to giving timely information as he is allowed to do so.
  - iv. October 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting is when dates will be released about the return. High Schools are slated after the 26 October 2020 date. Nothing is final it is only proposed.
  - v. Staff has filled out an intent to return survey and parents need to fill out the intent to return survey.
  - vi. We still need to wait to see what back to school looks like, or if it is virtual with our teachers, or Atlanta Virtual Academy. A lot of planning is still in the air and we need the data for students and teachers. Trying to balance staff, teachers,

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and students is a challenge. As there is a level of specialization among teaching staff.

- vii. Return to school will be different. There will be virtual learning, there will be masks, and there will be hybrid (face to face and virtual at the same time)
- viii. Kamau Bobb had several questions: What about the dangers and risks having the student's home or in face to face at school?
- ix. Dr. Danser stated that the decisions are personal to the families and there is a factor of risk. There can be no guarantees. Questions are asked about teacher's tele-working. Parents want to know who is tele-working and who is not. If they are working on zoom why should my children come to the building? Dr. Danser stated he has forwarded this concern to H.R.
- x. There is also a mix of students who need to return to school so that they can get direct instruction in school. Due to log in issues, motivation, food insecurity, technology issues, and distractions. School in the building can provide stability.
- xi. Dr. Danser is committed to keeping students safe while trying to give students a sense of normalcy.

### b. Principal's Report

- i. Dr. Danser gave his phone number to Go Team staff.
- ii. Most of the information was covered in the return-to-learn.
- iii. Number one challenge last year was to keep students motivated and get them across the stage in order to graduate. We are still waiting on data concerning the graduation rate.
- iv. Technology has been placed in the hands of all students.
- v. PTSA has gotten a small grant to help people get hot spots for families in need. Roughly 40 some families.
- vi. IB and AP data on testing will be released by Dr. Danser next meeting. Students took the exams and we made some gains but the data is still be processed.
  - 1. Mrs. Harris stated how I.B. continued with assessments except for the main exam. I.B. looked at all the assessments and focused on internal assessments and the one external assessment. Students may have not worked as hard on internal assessments which may have influenced the I.B. data.
  - 2. Dr. Danser states I.B. is trying to support the needs of the students.
  - 3. Dr. Danser stated Mile Stone data has gone from 8 tests to 4 test. American Lit, Algebra, Biology, and U.S. History. Milestone scores drive our CCPRI and with the current national department of education testing is still on.
  - 4. It is critical to look after the entire child. This is a different time and we need to be compassionate.

### VII. Announcements

- a. None

### VIII. Adjournment motion - passed