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## **WARREN T. JACKSON ELEMENTARY GO-TEAM MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 2,, 2017, 3:00 pm, Main Campus Conference Room**

### **I. Call to Order - 3:07 pm, Zachary White, Chair**

- A. Roll Call by Vicki McGinty, Secretary - All GO Team members in attendance, presence of quorum confirmed.  
Guests: Diane Jacobi (GO Team Liaison); Marion Hindman (parent); Teresa Webb (media specialist)
- B. Standing motion to approve minutes for September 7, 2017 meeting, approved unanimously.
- C. Standing motion to approve November 2, 2017 meeting agenda, approved unanimously.

### **II. Information Items**

- A. Go-Team Trainings - Zachary White updated the members on trainings for new members and the online training for all members regarding budget planning.
- B. Cluster Report - Heather Perry, cluster representative, updated the team regarding the recent North Atlanta GO Team Cluster Meeting at Sarah Smith Elementary School. Ms. Perry noted that many of the other schools had parents in attendance at this meeting (not necessarily GO Team members) and that Jackson might in the future wish to send parent representatives to this meeting. Upcoming meetings will be held as follows:
  - 1/18 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Sarah Smith Elementary
  - 3/26 3:30-4:30 p.m. - Sarah Smith Elementary

The dual language program was discussed at the cluster meeting. A cluster sub-group was designated to obtain answers to the many questions that parents and teachers continue to have about dual immersion and how it will be implemented at their schools. All other elementary schools in the North Atlanta cluster have adopted dual immersion except Jackson. It is scheduled to be implemented at Jackson in the 2018-2019 school year. However, the GO Team and the school community of parents and teachers continue to have many questions about what this program would look like at Jackson. Mr. McBride and Ms. Pete are attending an upcoming conference to learn more information and the Jackson GO Team will request that Margaret McKenzie,





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the APS Dual Language representative, come speak to the team at the next GO Team meeting so that we may get some of our questions answered. There was also discussion regarding forming a subcommittee at Jackson of parents and teachers who could obtain additional information regarding dual immersion. Some of the questions being raised include:

- Will it be difficult for parents and teachers to identify in kindergarten which students would benefit from the program, given that in kindergarten it will be difficult to tell which students will have trouble with reading?
- How will it be handled if there is attrition from the program (families deciding to opt out)? Will it increase the class sizes of the traditional, non-dual immersion classrooms?
- Will the available district funds be sufficient to support this program?
- Will the implementation of this program result in greater turnover among teachers and how, if at all, will it affect the quality of teachers hired?

- C. Principal Report - Principal McBride provided a report on the CCRPI data. Jackson is the top ranking school in APS for 2017. Our score for 2017 is 100.7 as compared to 95.4 in 2016. There are three components to CCRPI: achievement, progress, and the achievement gap. Most of our gain was in the progress category. In particular, there was a big increase in students making progress in math (85.6% in 2017 as compared to 65.5% in 2016). There was a much smaller gain in ELA (71.25% in 2017 as compared to 70.8% in 2016), so the GO Team will focus our continued review of the strategic plan on the ELA portion (including the leveled book room and allocating resources to improved writing skills). It was noted that similar North Atlanta cluster elementary schools such as Sarah Smith and Morris Brandon saw similar trends (i.e. higher gains in math, lower gains in ELA).

Mr. McBride also updated the GO Team regarding the current budget constraints placed on APS and Fulton County Schools due to the failure of Fulton County to collect timely property taxes this year. The school systems were going before a magistrate judge that week to ask for relief that would provide revenue to avoid teacher furloughs.

### III. Discussion Items

#### A. Items for December 7 Agenda





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Two proposed items for the December 7 agenda were: (1) to have a dual immersion representative from APS speak to the team and (2) discuss whether Jackson should return to hosting Prospective Parent parties.

#### V. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

#### VI. Action Items

There were no action items other than the approval of the meeting's agenda and the previous meeting's minutes.

VII. Adjournment - motion by Zachary White, passed unanimously, 4:24 p.m.