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## **WARREN T. JACKSON ELEMENTARY GO-TEAM MEETING MINUTES** **Thursday, September 7, 2017**

**Warren T. Jackson Elementary Main Campus Conference Room, 3 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order:** Zachary White, Chair, 3:13 p.m.
- II. Roll Call:** Vicki McGinty, Secretary - quorum confirmed, all GO Team members present. Guests present: Monica Mosley (parent); Patricia Herndon (French teacher); Grace Vise (PTA Co-President)
- III. Action Items:**
  - A. Minutes for 8/3/17 meeting approved unanimously**
  - B. Agenda for 9/7/17 meeting approved unanimously**
- IV. Information Items:**
  - A. GO Team Trainings - The following two upcoming trainings are available to all GO Team members:**
    - 1. 9/13/17, 9:30-2:00 - Mr. McBride says we need to look into whether a Jackson representative should be present if we are seeking a Local School Flexibility Waiver**
    - 2. 9/30/17, 8:30-1:00 - G3 Summit - not required**
  - B. Principal Report - Mr. McBride provided updates regarding how the strategic plan is being implemented at Jackson:**
    - 1. Students have shown an increase in mastery in math. 87% of students entering 5th grade were in the top two quartiles on the Georgia Milestones in math. Also, the number of students from 3rd to 4th grade not meeting standards was halved. Teachers feel that Eureka math has helped with this growth because of the consistency in language as the students progress through grades and the rigorous curriculum.**





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2. Students have remained more stagnant in literacy and we did not see the same increase as seen in math. The administration and teachers are looking at ways to increase literacy, which is challenging in a student population that is already high-achieving in this area. They are still working on the leveled book room, which should be ready after fall break. Because this is the first year of implementing the strategic plan, there is no data yet to show whether the literacy initiatives in the plan are working.

3. They are continuing to work on remediating underperforming subgroups. Data is currently being gathered on this and will be broken into subgroups.

4. Ms. Maguire and Ms. Webb are working on the K-5 Technology Plan. The main campus students attend a special with Ms. Maguire. Mr. Gantz runs the technology lab. The students are also all being exposed to technology through their STEAM specials and are learning basic keyboarding and technology skills while performing tasks in foreign language.

5. Almost half of the teachers at Jackson are in the process of becoming gifted certified.

#### **IV. Discussion Items**

A. The GO Team discussed the role of music and chorus at Jackson. Mr. White was asked how many students signed up for the after school chorus program vs. last year when chorus was part of the school day. Mr. White stated that the number decreased from 248 to 71. The group discussed how music instruction helps students in achieving academic success.

Action item: Dana Ugwonalu made a motion to add to the strategic plan school priorities "Improve Fine Arts Education" as a 5th bullet point. Jesse Shannon seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

B. The GO Team discussed Dual Immersion, which is a North Atlanta cluster initiative planned for implementation at Jackson in the 2018-19 school year. Based on results of the survey offered to parents in May, 2017, Spanish





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will be the dual immersion language. The GO Team decided to table the discussion on dual immersion implementation until the next meeting.

C. The GO Team further discussed changing the foreign language being offered to all students from French to Spanish, also based on the results of the parent survey.

Action item: Kimberly Kennedy made a motion to change the official school foreign language from French to Spanish for the 2018-19 school year. Dana Ugwonali seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**V. Meeting Adjourned at 4:42p.m.**

