

Date: January 22, 2019

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Astros Learning Commons

I. Opening Items

(a) Call to order

A meeting of the GO Team for Frederick Douglass High School was held in the Media center at Douglass on 01/22/2019. The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Go Team Chair Dr. Neely.

(b) Roll Call

Mr. Kantor called roll and recorded the GO TEAM members in attendance.

Attendees

Attendees included:

Mr. Dominico Kantor	Alice Shepard	Dr. Neely	
Dr. Duncan	Dr. Ponder	Mr. H. Blash	
Julie Gilyard	Mrs. Denson	Jordan Stone	

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

Linda Smith	Rev. LaMarshall Davis, Sr.		
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(c) Quorum Status

Based on the GO TEAM Members in attendance, it was determined that there was a quorum present to proceed.

II. Meeting Protocols**(a) Approve Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Blash made a motion to accept the proposed meeting agenda for today's meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilyard. The GO TEAM Members voted unanimously in favor of the meeting agenda and the agenda was approved.

(b) Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Mr. Blash made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 15, 2018 with recommended amendments. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilyard. The GO TEAM Members voted unanimously in favor of the meeting minutes and the minutes were accepted.

III. Action Items

(a) Fill vacant position

Dr. Duncan is pleased to recommend Ms. Maisha Bivens to fill the vacant position of Parent Member. Ms. Bivens is heavily active in the Astro community and is big component of her son's success at FDHS as a scholar and athlete. He has spoken to her to gauge her interest in taking on a more active role here at FDHS and she has expressed that she is very interested. Ms. Bivens will be present at the next GO Team meeting to introduce herself to the active members.

**(b) Frederick Douglass High School Proposed 2019-2020 SY
Scheduling Design**

Dr. Duncan presented the new proposed 5x5 schedule to the GO Team. Dr. Duncan presented that there were several pros, as well as, various cons with switching to a 5x5 schedule. He explained that it greatly benefits students that need to recover class credit or students that would like to take additional courses, including college level courses. Dr. Duncan explained that this will also afford students the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree by the time they graduate high school, provided the student successfully matriculates through the curriculum.

Dr. Neely expressed that she is in favor of a 5x5 schedule. She informed the GO Team that FDHS has a challenging time with a disproportionate number of students failing classes. While the 5x5 offers excellent opportunities for students that want to excel and earn college level credits, it also provides a way for failing students to recover missed credits in failed classes.

Jordan expressed that, as a student, she feels that the 90 minute period is too long and students check out mentally. She also likes the idea of being able to take college level classes, earn an Associate's degree or a Technical Certification. While in favor of the 4x4 schedule initially, she likes the idea of a 5x5 schedule.

Mr. Blash expressed that he is in favor of a traditional 6x6 schedule. While 5x5 is appealing, he feels that even a 75 minute period are too long to remain focused in a class. The Six-Period schedule would offer more flexibility for students to take their electives and STEAM related classes.

Mr. Kantor expressed that he liked the idea of a 5x5 because it is able to accommodate the entire Douglass student body.

Ms. Gilyard expressed that the time constraints to transition to a 5x5 schedule may present issues. While building the schedule may not present the biggest

challenges, the operating procedures behind an effective running school could be. When the cafeteria staff, building engineers and all staff that are vested in FDHS are considered, we have to make sure we have time for the whole staff to be able to take on the 5x5 schedule and move as a cohesive unit. Dr. Duncan suggested that some of the weekly PL's are dedicated to the transition, including a summer stipend afforded to teachers for training and several other avenues of professional development.

Dr. Ponder made a motion to accept Dr. Duncan's proposed 5x5 schedule. The motion was seconded by Ms. Denson. The GO TEAM Members voted 6-2 in favor of the 5X5 schedule design.

IV. Information Items

(a) Principal's Report: Budget Process Overview

Dr. Duncan presented the GO Team Budgeting Process video, detailing different procedures within the Budget Process. He also explained that the administrative team will be reviewing

the school's budget and submitting it for approval to other leaders in the district and then it will be presented to the GO Team for final approval. Dr. Duncan is suggesting that we meet February 12th for the final meeting prior to meeting with District Deputy Superintendent Dan Sims.

V. Discussion items

(a) Human Trafficking Campaign

Dr. Neely informed the GO Team that FDHS's zip code, 30318, has one of the highest rates of human trafficking in the nation. Dr. Duncan also expressed concern that a number of FDHS's students have been affected by Human Trafficking related issues. It is the desire of the GO Team that there is greater awareness of this issue school wide.

(b) Budget Approval Meeting Dates

Mr. Blash made a motion to accept the proposed meeting dates, February 12th and March 7th, for the final reviews of the proposed budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gilyard. The GO TEAM Members voted unanimously in favor of the meeting schedule and the modified schedule was approved.

VI. Announcements

- (a) No announcements were made.

VII. Public Announcements

- (a) There no members of the public signed up for announcements.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Blash moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Gilyard seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm EST.

Mr. D. A. Kantor

Secretary

January 22, 2019

Date of approval