

**Call to order**

A meeting of the GO Team for Maynard H. Jackson High School was held at MH Jackson High School principal's conference room on January 30th.

**Attendees**

Attendees included [list names of GO Team members present].

Alex Elliott	David Liburd	Yusef King	Daniel Hamm
Shemeka Maddox	Don Grant	Stephanie Johnson	

**Members not in attendance**

Members not in attendance included [list names].

Beth Wells	Ashley Rouse	David Liburd	

Is there are quorum present? Circle or highlight **Yes** or No

**Changes Made to Minutes**

1. Not in the Media Center, in the Principal's conference room
2. XXXX
3. XXXX

Minutes approved? Circle or highlight **Yes** or No

## Announcements

- I. **Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.**
  - a. Roll call done for attending members
  - b. Quorum status was determined.
  - c. Minutes approved.
  - d. Public forum open. Limited to 5 minutes per person with a maximum time of 30 minutes.
- II. **Action Items:**
- III. **Information Items:**
  - a. Discipline programs at the school
    - i. Don brought this to our attention and wanted to know what procedures are in the building
    - ii. Mrs. Johnson shares the discipline data for the school and district & discusses the expectations of the district to have extremely limited out of school suspensions. She explains the process that there must be a manifestation meeting to see if it is a result of an IEP, then there must be a tribunal. Mrs. Johnson says in those situations there is not a lot of that we can do, but we try to put them in programs that will be more beneficial for them. She includes that the 10 day suspension plan is not the most ideal for students with these behavior problems. It only increases the negative behavior. At the last meeting Mrs. Johnson had with the district regarding the matter she was told that we are not allowed to force students to go to an alternative setting.
    - iii. Don says he is concerned about the amount of students skipping that he sees when going to the lacrosse field.
    - iv. Mrs. Johnson says that we really need a golf cart because that would cut down on the amount of students leaving campus. She said another issue is parents are dropping students off at Chick-fil-a and Kroger, then students do not come to campus. Mrs. Johnson says a solution is a gate because we can monitor better. Then group says there are a lot of places that students can leave from on the campus.
    - v. Don asks if there has been any feedback from students about the event this Saturday. I told him I have heard from several students who had positive things to say. Mrs. Johnson said it was a very successful event.
    - vi. Back to discipline, we know that many of our students are dealing with mental illness and not taking their medication and are finding ways to self-medicate

**b. Homework Policy**

- i. Mrs. Johnson thinks that the district policy is causing teachers to burn out. Teachers are required to allow students to make up assignments (even when they cheat) and allow them unlimited tries to show standards mastery.
- ii. We are concerned that this is creating a culture that sets students up for failure.
- iii. Daniel suggests that students must have to complete test corrections before they can retake
- iv. The question of student athlete accountability is asked and whether coaches are sitting students that are failing.
- v. Then conversation comes back to whether we can do anything to change the district policy. We will have to address the board. G. Jackson brings up the way that Edgenuity hurts students and doesn't help them. I concur and we discuss how data shows that if you focus on remediation instead of acceleration you will not see success.
- vi. In discussion about upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders Daniel suggests that we have some sort of a mentoring or preventative program to stop drug problems before students get to MJHS.
- vii. Virgil suggests that the leadership should come up with an amended grading policy to present to the board.

**IV. No Discussion Items :****V. Adjourn meeting**

- Mr. King motioned to adjourn meeting, second - Shameka
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:08 pm

Alexandra Elliott

Secretary

3/27/17

Date of approval