

**Inman Middle School
GO Team Meeting Minutes
Monday 8-27-18 / Draft
Location: Media Center**

Call to order by vice chair at
4:38pm

Meeting Protocols

- Roll call; chair determined quorum status. Members in attendance:
 - Allison Amoroso
 - Keenan Akers
 - Linda Brenner
 - Angie Lewis
 - Bahji Varner
 - Jennifer Ortega
 - Brandy Stacy
 - Ann Head
 - Dr Maxwell
 - Absent:
 - John Childs, chair

One member of the public and one APS staff from Go Team support in attendance.

Meeting agenda approved

Vice chair asked to use Robert's Rules of Order for General Consent for non-discussion items to increase efficiency, motion approved.

Approve previous meeting minutes with the following changes: name spelling changes, added APS staff in attendance

Discussion Items

- Strategic Plan is finalized. The school mission and vision will be reviewed by Dr Maxwell with his staff at an upcoming meeting; some KPIs will change including PBIS
- Vision & Mission statement
 - Dr Maxwell would like a more specific mission statement, and one which the staff feels ownership of, rather than the one adapted from the district's mission statement, and will take up with his staff. No action item.
 - Dr. Maxwell and another staff are meeting this week with APS and choosing two priorities to focus on from the strategic plan by Friday.
 - Recommendation made that once the plan / vision is updated, the GO team will review the relevant sections and bring any questions or comments forward and / or use it to identify priorities.
- Enrollment Numbers

- Dr. Maxwell reported that the projection was 1060 - Final is 1067. Which gives us an additional \$34,000 in budget. Leadership team will consider how to use these funds, e.g., supplies, special ed resource, etc. and report back to GO Team.
- Tablets (T-Mobile)
 - Determination will be made as to which grades will receive; rollout in October.
 - Financially qualified students may receive hotspots.
- Transition to Howard building
 - The building will open in the fall of 2020 as the new middle school for the Grady Cluster; name is David T Howard Middle School
 - More info can be found here about APS plans for the school - <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/43732>
 - Building is underway right now and the mascot / logo / etc needs to be formalized (gym floor, etc.)
 - Mascot was Rams - dark blue, gold, etc. Mascot, school colors is TBD and the GO Team's role is to decide if we should maintain the original colors and mascot, with a firm appreciation for the historical significance and tradition of the school.
 - Discussion ensued about process, with a concern for arbitrary changes
 - Reasons to consider changing:
 - Gather school / stakeholder / public comments, gain student input, to be more inclusive in general
 - Reasons for not changing:
 - David T Howard was the first black millionaire in Georgia; important historical figure; Martin Luther King Jr went to the school from 3-6th grade. The name, mascot, colors have important historical significance.
 - Presents an important and unique opportunity to teach history, civil rights.
 - Adopt the historical mascot and colors and getting school input regarding the new mascot picture. Students could choose / potentially design the image.
 - NOTE: A ram represents determination initiative and leadership
 - APS has a patnership with Puma as of 2017 and has an entire David T Howard line of shoes: <https://www.ajc.com/news/local-education/atlanta-public-schools-partners-with-puma-over-the-clyde/0lrETLZzZ0cEDTvkDQffrK/>
 - This is much more than just a mascot - it's a historic site and civil rights and has a large group of influential alumni (David T Howard Alumni Association). Changing the mascot, etc. may result in abandoning this important civil rights history for something unrelated to our history.
 - **Action item:** Dr Maxwell will draft a note about the history of the school mascot / colors
 - Transition and communication of the decision will be important.
 - Motion to: Vote on whether the GO team adopts the historical mascot / ram and school colors. Motion passes.
 - Discussion as to how to involve students in possible logo design. **Action Item:** Dr. Maxwell will ask APS about ability for changes to the logo, and timeline if changes are permitted.

- **Action item** - Ida - include a counter to days til the move on school website and to connect other websites with information to Inman website.

· Family and Community Engagement committee & future guests

- Go Team must conduct a Family Assessment and develop a plan- APS will inform all the Go Teams of the expectations during the summit on Sept 22. The GO team is responsible for conducting the survey.
- Chair requested volunteers for the committee. Motion to wait until after the summit and/or the assessment is done to identify the team in order to further hone in on the priorities and the skills / interests needed on this committee.
- Need to identify a committee chair - does not need to be a GO team member - could be a teacher or a parent.
- The committee could help with teaching technologies - e.g., Remind, Google Classroom, etc. - as well as other updates
- **Action item** - Dr Maxwell will talk to other interested folks (those who didn't make the GO Team, etc.) to check their interest in chairing or participating on the committee
- **Action Item** - discuss committee at next meeting.

Public Comment (taken out of order on the agenda due to logistical reasons)

- One 6th grade parent spoke about the vibrant Howard School alumni council and gave her comment that the Go Team should keep the mascot and colors intact.

Information items

- Changes for the school year (recess / snake schedule / advisement):
 - Dr. Maxwell reported that feedback continues to be positive from both staff and students
- Foundation & PTO update
 - Dr. Maxwell reported that both are going strong. Started with many people giving at the beginning of the year that will benefit the school. PTO is helping with recess, safety and security - ID machine, emergency bags for fire drills, etc.
- CAT meeting dates set for 1st semester
 - CAT team is the cluster advisory team
 - Ms Varner is our rep
 - First meeting will be in Sept, there are three during the year.
 - Chair asked if we need to add a standing agenda item or if notes will be sufficient. Dr. Maxwell recommended that the GO team receive notes and a report at the Go Team meetings
- Second step SEL modules (social emotional learning)
 - Dr. Head gave a brief update, implementation is underway

- **Action item:** Ida - please link inmaneagles.weebly.com to the Inman site for SEL
- New staff update
 - Theater arts teacher will be out for at least 2 months; long-time sub has been identified out of several candidates- she has 5 years of acting experience
- Website update
 - Ida continues to make updates / build out the site
 - **Action Item:** Ida will use the staff bios on the current Inman site to the GO team site

Announcements

- **Action Item:** Dr Maxwell will add budget to the GO Team e-folder
- Team approved that budget will become a standing agenda item
- Gathering agenda items for future meetings -
 - **Action Item:** Linda will create a template on a shared drive for people to add ideas / items for next meeting; Alison will send a reminder each month calling for agenda items by 2 1/2-3 weeks so that the chair and principal have enough time to develop and post the agenda a week ahead of time.
 - Potential ad hoc committee under the GO Team about mental health concerns - cyber-bullying, etc. Potentially bring a counselor in to speak.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn

Passed

6:15pm