**Maynard H. Jackson High School**

**August 27, 2019**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location: Media Center**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call; Establish Quorum**
3. **Action Items** 
   1. Approval of Agenda
   2. Fill Open Community Member Seat
   3. Fill Open Swing Seat
   4. Approval of Previous Minutes
   5. Election of Officers
      1. Chair
      2. Vice-Chair
      3. Secretary
      4. Cluster Representative
   6. *For High Schools*: Appoint Student Representative
   7. Review and Approve Public Comment Format
   8. Set GO Team Meeting Calendar
   9. Review, Confirm/Update, and Adopt GO Team Meeting Norms
4. **Discussion Items**
   1. Discussion Item 1: Dress Code Update
   2. Discussion Item 2: Jackson Cluster Community Conversation
5. **Information Items** 
   1. Principal’s Report
6. **Announcements** 
   1. Announcements—GO Team Summit (September)
7. **Adjournment**

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1. **Roll Call**

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| **Role** | **Name** *(or Vacant)* | **Present or Absent** |
| **Principal** | **Dr. Adam Danser** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Dr. Kamau Bobb** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Beth Wells** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **David Liburd** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Anthony DeCosta** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Denise King** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **David Eberhart** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Ashley Rouse** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Virgil Murray** | **Present** |
| **Swing Seat** | **Newly Elected Dr. Whittaker-Brown** | **Present** |
| **Student** *(High Schools)* | **Mayra Martinez** | **Present** |

1. **Action Items** *(add items as needed)*
   1. **Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** [**Passes**] Minutes Approved. Motion to approve by B. Wells, and seconded by Ashley Rouse.
   2. **Fill Vacant Positions** *(copy and complete table for each vacant position)*

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| **Vacant Position:** | **[Parent, Staff, Community, Swing]** |
| **Appointee’s Name:** | N/A |

* 1. **Fill Open Community Member Seat:**

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| **Open Position:** | **Community Member** |
| **Appointee’s Name:** | Dr. Danser recommends Virgil Murray to continue in this seat – all members voted for Murray to continue to serve as a Community member |

* 1. **Fill Open Swing Seat**

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| **Open Position:** | **Swing Seat** |
| **Appointee’s Name:** | Call for nominations for the Swing Seat  Dr. Bobb asked for clarification on the process for nominating persons for this swing seat. Dr. Danser provided clarification stating that members of the GOTeam can nominate anyone. Then, the GOTeam will vote to approve a nominee.  Beth Wells nominates Karleen James (9th Grade Parent). Community member  Dr. Danser nominates Dr. Whittaker-Brown, current teacher at Maynard Jackson. Teacher orientation program  Dr. Bobb nominated Mr. Parker but then withdrew the nomination and gave his support to Dr. Whittaker-Brown citing that having input from a math instructor in the building may be very beneficial.  Votes:  Dr. Whittaker Brown – Denise King, D. Eberhart, A. DeCosta, A. Rouse, & K. Bobb  Karleen James – Beth Wells  Dr. Whittaker-Brown will now fill the Swing Seat. |

* 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes** [**Passes**] Minutes Approved. Motion to approve by B. Wells, and Seconded by Ashley Rouse
  2. **Election of Officers** – Dr. Danser read off the Election of GO Team Officers directions
     1. **Chair: Result:** [Beth Wells] D. Eberhart nominated Beth Wells, Ashley Rouse second…all in favor (7)…none opposed – She will serve as Chair officially next meeting
     2. **Vice Chair: Result:** [Virgil Murray] Beth Wells nominates Virgil Murray….all in favor (7)…none opposed – Virgil Murray will serve as Vice-Chair
     3. **Secretary: Result:** [Denise King] Beth Wells nominates Denise King….all in favor (7)….none opposed – Denise King will serve as Secretary.
     4. **Cluster Representative: Result:** [Kamau Bobb] - What does a Cluster rep do? (asked by Dr. Bobb) Cluster Rep attends Cluster meeting. Kamu Bobb nominated himself and Beth Wells….all in favor (7)…none opposed. Kamu Bobb will serve as Cluster Representative.
  3. *For High Schools:* **Appoint Student Representative**

**Student Representative:** [Mayra Martinez]

*(We moved to public comment since our student representative needed to leave the room for a few minutes)* Dr. Danser appointed Mayra Martinez, Junior at Maynard Jackson High School. She introduced herself to us via PPP.

* 1. **Approval of Public Comment Format:** **Motion** [**Passes**] Dr. Danser read the protocol for Public Comment. D. Eberhart read the Public Comment format at the end of the meeting norms sheet. B. Wells had a clarification on the number of minutes for comments. Individuals can be limited to 5 minutes (example). Public comment sign up will occur immediately before each meeting

**Motion to adopt the public comment with David Eberhart’s change. Motion approved.**

* 1. **GO Team Meeting Calendar** *(GO Teams are required to have a minimum of 6 meetings, with at least 4 allowing for Public Comment)*

*Cannot be held during the school day.*

*Deb from Central Office – Finance sets the budget schedule. Final budget has to be submitted the last week week in March.*

Proposed Meeting Dates this year at 6:00pm:

9/30

10/28

11/18

1/27

2/24

3/9

5/11

**A member can attend a meeting on the phone (call in). However, there are a limit to the number of “call in” meetings a member attend in a year. Members on the phone (call in) can vote ONLY IF there is a physical quorum is established.**

**Motion by B Wells for public comment before every meeting. Seconded by Virgil Murray.**

**David Eberhart motioned to approve the meeting calendar. Several members seconded. All in favor (7).**

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|  | **Date** | **Time** | **Location** | **Public Comment Permitted? (Yes/No)** |
| **1** | **8/27/19** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **No** |
| **2** | **9/30/19** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **Yes** |
| **3** | **10/28** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **Yes** |
| **4** | **11/18** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **Yes** |
| **5** | **1/27/20** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **Yes** |
| **6** | **2/24/20** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **Yes** |
| **7** | **3/9/20** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **Yes** |
| **8** | **5/11/20** | **6:00 pm** | **MJHS media center** | **Yes** |

* 1. **Adopt GO Team Norms Motion** [**Passes**]

David Eberhart read aloud the MJHS GO Team Meeting Norms. No changes to the norms. Virgil Murray moved to adopted. It was seconded by Ashley Rouse. All in favor (7).

We did not have public comment tonight because we had not approved public comment norms for this year. However, Dr. Danser will read into the record the public comment from two students, Chloe Reinblatt and a parent, Lisa Roberson, regarding dress code.

Mr. Danser moved to approve collared shirts, community shirts (J-ROTC, etc.), and college shirts. Now, advocacy for black pants is still not finalized. However, Dr. Danser is having mock-ups of approved MJJ black pants…or athletic black pants with MJJ logos. That is a black pants option this year. Dr. Danser is waiting for the mockup of samples. We have loosened up the plaid skirts for females as well. Dr. Danser is waiting on design.

Dr. Bobb – What is the point of the uniform? Dr. Danser – He likes uniforms for safety and security. He (Danser) can tell who’s who just by looking down the hallway. It provides a consistency. A lot of kids like them because it tends to be cost effective for the families. The black pants usually cause more dress code violations. Very few students are not allowed to remain in class because of dress code violation. Jeans Fridays and Spirit Days are the days allowed for students to be out of uniform.

Virgil Murray – Maybe consider what not to wear in black pants.

Dr. Bobb – If we are open to athletic clothes, it opens it to all other types of clothing…or athletic type clothing.

Leggings are not allowed by Atlanta Public Schools and Maynard Jackson will comply.

Dr. Danser read the letter from Chloe Reinblatt. Her letter addresses the high cost of khaki in relation to the low cost of black pants. Female students who are on menstrual cycle are less stressed if they do not have to worry about clothing and miss instructional time if there are issues with clothing.

Dr. Danser read the letter from a parent, Jane Phillips, of a Burgess Peterson and a King Middle School student.

Dr. Danser read the letter from a parent of one graduate, and two students in the Jackson Cluster, Lisa Roberson. She submitted her comments in writing since public comment would not be allowed tonight. In her letter she is unclear why black pants are not currently allowed. She wonders if not allowing black pants is punishment. She argues that if we want to build a culture of trust, we need to have a valid reason for maintaining the current dress code. We should consider revising the dress code.

Dr. Danser mentioned that there will be a black pants option.

Beth Wells – What will the price point be on the black pants? Dr. Danser estimates $10 - $15 per pair but he’s waiting on the vendor to confirm.

The athletic team already wear black bottoms. Dr. Danser – Dress Codes. There is not a uniform provider for Jackson (the company went out of business a couple of years ago).

The goal is to provide students an option. We will provide an opportunity for feedback. Dr. Danser wanted to provide an option at the start of the year to see how it goes.

D. Eberhart – If we offer black skirt options then we will need to offer kilt options for all students.

Dr. Danser – He attended last night’s Cluster meeting. It was a discussion about the District’s next 5-year strategic plan. A big initiative from the Board of Education is the Let’s Talk Link. The District also has an app and a school app. Information flyers for both Let’s Talk and for the APS app were distributed to all GO Team members.

* 1. **Principal’s Report** We received unofficial word that we will be approved as an MYP school. Official notification is forthcoming. Mayra will be key in helping get students to complete the Personal Projects.

We have our IB Re-Authorization on Sept. 16th, 2019. They are looking to authorize the Diploma Programme.

Dr. Danser – We as a GO Team will need to consider how we will best meet the needs of all students in the community. Make sure we fix the charter and traditional divide (between King, ANCS, and Drew Charter). There are race issues we need to address. Inequities within this cluster. Annie Casey Foundation brings to light some of the inequities that exist. Making sure that everyone is feeling heard, and that everyone has equal access to opportunities and resources in this school. Virgil Murray – in identifying some of the reason: we operate in silos. Beth Wells mentioned that the 9th Grade Bridge program is a good step in helping students communicate with students from other schools.

Dr. Danser – We as a staff have to lead that charge. Asking staff to stop asking what school a student went to in Middle School. We as a community and GO Team need to begin having those conversations and become advocates for equality.

Announcements: Dr. Danser – a GO Team summit Saturday, Sept. 28th at King Middle at 9am to 3pm. Diane – we are asking for at least 3 members

First Football game at Georgia State Stadium MJJ vs. Carver.

Beth Wells – Mr. Danser became Dr. Danser, EDD, Doctor of Ed in School Improvement from the University of West Georgia.

Dr. Alison Whitakker-Brown – Honored to be a member of the GO Team.

Beth Wells – If you have things you want on the agenda, email Beth or Dr. Danser at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

1. **Adjournment: Motion** [**Passes**] Dr. Danser motions and all 7 in favor.