

Alignment Jackson High School Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 22, 2014 (9:00 am-10:30 am)

Facilitator: Shawna Davie, Dir. of Ed. Initiatives United Way

Recorder: LaKisha Boykin, Alignment Jackson Assistant Director

Members Present

Jed Oppenheim Bridget Townsend
Carolyn Jollivette Brenda Jackson
Yolanda Kirkland Deyanna Jenkins
Freddrick Murray Juanyce Taylor
Malcolm Harvey William Trammell III
Tait Kellogg
Rolanda Alexander

Members Absent

Curnis Upkins III Arthur Sutton
Greg Riley Angela Griffin
Elaine Hayes-Anthony
Tameka Garrett Calvin Lockett
Marquis Loving Shae Williams
Ingrad Smith Nsombi Lambright
Cynthia Buchanan Bishop Knox
Ramona Williams Kimberly Hilliard
Shmea Kelly Shemeka S. McClung
Shae Williams Marquis Lowe
Natalie Collier Rebecca Starling

Guests in attendance: Chuck Kennedy and Greta Terry

Alignment meeting commenced at 9 am

Dr. Murray opens the meeting with a welcome.

For familiarity purposes each person introduced themselves by giving their name, title, and place of employment.

Review of minutes from previous meeting held on March 25, 2014. Motion to approve the minutes made by Jed Oppenheim and second by Bridget Townsend with necessary corrections.

Academies Master Plan

- Five characteristics of a High School Graduate

ACT Discussion

- The 5 characteristics are not outcome measurements. This is more of what we developed in our vision statement as a committee.
- We really worked on the 18 ACT score as a vision but our district average ACT score is about 16 or 17. In Nashville their ACT vision statement score is a 21.
- Is an 18 ACT score for vision only?
- What is the required ACT score at this time?
- The required score is at least a 19 ACT sub-score in Reading and Math. This will keep students out of remedial courses when entering college.
- The HELP grant requires at least a 20 ACT score. When we are sharing with the public we can explain the HELP grant and say at least a 19 sub-score is required.
- If we are talking about a student on track to go to a health care career what kind of ACT score do they need?
- UMC students are required to score about a 21 on the ACT and have a 3.7 GPA for admittance into most nursing programs.
- Do they still look at the ACT score when you attend community college? Yes it is still considered.
- Next year everything changes because every student classified as a junior will be required to take the ACT test in JPS.
- Northeast Community College average ACT score is a 14 and it's a technical program. Toyota and Nissan are asking for a 20 ACT score. An employer from our state is asking for a 20 on the ACT.
- Full scholarships at most universities/colleges require an ACT score of 24-28.
- The strategic approach is to start preparing students for the ACT test in the 9th grade.
- Commit to have an ACT teacher in every high school
- Be able to compete with neighboring states

Dr. Murray makes a motion to approve the 21 ACT score and Bridget makes the 2nd motion. The motion is approved.

We envision that every JPS high school student will:

1. **Score at least a 21 or higher on the ACT with a sub score of a 19 or higher in Math and English.**

Volunteer Hours Discussion

- Do we need a specific number of community service hours?
- Do students know how to do community service hours?
- What's the national number for volunteer hours?
- Collaborate with other groups and universities to find out how many hours are required

Additional Notes

We will have to schedule another meeting to talk about the academies and the career fairs.

Meeting Adjourned 10:45 a.m.

