

**Alignment Jackson High School Meeting**  
**JPS Professional Development Room**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2014**

**Committee Members Present:** Kyle Bray, Jed Oppenheim, Carolyn Jolivette, Yolanda Kirkland, Tabitha Kenney, and Freddrick Murray

Meeting commenced **9:12 am**

Welcome and Introductions

**Career Exploration Fair Subcommittee Report**

**Budget**

Currently, we need \$15,000 to finish the race for the career exploration fair. At this point we have a place, date, time, and volunteers. We also have a plan for the schools arrival and departure. Right now we need more support from the Jackson business community to participate and sign-up as sponsors for the career fair. In the meantime, we still need to raise \$15,000 that which will go directly towards set-up, break-down, and power. The building, lunch, security, and medical are all accounted for and all payments have been made. The signage for the career exploration fair will be taken care of by the JPS graphic arts department.

Next week a team of JPS staff and some committee members are traveling to Nashville to attend their Career Exploration Fair. Hopefully, we are be able to come back with additional information that will be helpful for the CEF next week.

The school district is working towards making sure the schools arrive and depart on time. Murrah will arrive first and we have an agenda planned for photo-ops. The students will enter the staging area and then exit into the actual fair. The Jackson Convention Center will be divided into color coded zones for each career cluster. We will also have volunteers who will assist and act as guides for the students in each area. An additional plan may be need to be created so that we don't need as many volunteers.

Jed has created a volunteer sign-up page which will be sent out later today

We have informed vendors that they will need to prepare a 7-10 minute presentation

55-60 vendors have signed up to participate

The JPS media department has completed a video for the career exploration fair which will be sent out to local media stations and played on the JPS channel. The video consist of JPS students inviting Jackson businesses to support the career exploration fair.

**Sign Up for the Career Exploration Fair Volunteers**

Volunteer link [www.tinyurl.com/AJCF2014](http://www.tinyurl.com/AJCF2014)

**Academies of Jackson Update**

Recently we started working on teaming which is not something that just happens, so we are providing some training on teaching in teams. The Academies are doing well and we can see the difference in discipline. Presently, ADA is slightly up and referrals to Capital City are down. Altogether, teachers and administrators are being more patient and making different decisions. Currently, JPS High School Principals are in a training being administered by Apple. A total of 800 MacBook's have been distributed and we anticipate that all of the devices will be distributed during the next couple of weeks.

Every student will have a MacBook but some parents are having financial issues paying the insurance fee. At this time, we are working with school communities to coming up with creative ways to make sure all students have their devices. Presently, we are starting to sequence the curriculum and figure out what a core curriculum looks like. In the spring, we will begin choice cards and the students will be put into their academies. We have spoken with some community partners that are really excited about this and one very prominent CEO stated that he would like to take this to Governor Bryant as a tool for workforce development. One last note, the career teaching training academy started this year at the CDC and they have already started to implement some academies.

**New ITP Submission**

Tameka Garrett: New South Development and Training will present at the next meeting

**Meeting adjourned: 10:30 pm**

Next Meeting: November 18, 2014