

**Maggie L. Walker Governor's School  
for Government and International Studies School  
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 7:30 a.m., Boardroom, Room 230**

Attendance: Leslie Hausser, Beth Bortz, Kristi McCollough, Maureen Moslow-Benway, Dr. Jeff McGee, Raye Rector, Virginia Chambers, Peggy Feldmann, Zach Troidle, Hana Reed, Mara Guyer, Eric Lowell, Jewel Caven, Ethan Cruikshank, Anthony Taylor, Kerry Sheppard, Dawn Grois, Paige Hawkins

Welcome and Call to Order (Leslie Hausser)

- I. Approval of the January 5, 2016 Agenda – 7:35am
- II. Approval of the December 1, 2015 Minutes – 7:36am
  - a. Dr. McGee said he believed SAC had great work and opportunities planned for this year.
- III. Director's Report (Jeff McGee)
  - a. Governor's budget includes some money for Governor's Schools. We're still not sure the exact amount that MLWGS will see, but it looks like all of the plans that Strategic Planning Committee wanted will happen (infrastructure, part or full time network help, textbooks, technology, athletics...etc.).
  - b. Budget meeting planned for January
  - c. Board meeting and public hearing meeting planned in February
- IV. Chairman's Report (Leslie Hausser)
  - a. By-laws passed last year –
    - i. Membership: 6 members PTSA (3 years), 4 staff, 4 SCA, admin team member, planning team member (1 year), 3 director-appointed (1 year)
    - ii. Special committee – people not on the SAC can participate
- V. Old Business
  - A. Grading Scale Sub-Committee (Maureen Moslow-Benway, Laura Razzolini, Kerry Sheppard) – Update

- a. Met with Penny Deck and Rachel Loving. They reached out to Colgate, UVA, and James Madison to determine if changing the grading scale would impact the students' applications, and the general consensus was, "no."
  - b. Discussion that changing the grading scale may alleviate stress.
  - c. Chesterfield, Powhatan, Fairfax, and Richmond are already on the 10-point scale. ARGS has a similar scale as MLWGS.
  - d. The senior counselors will be reaching out to Ivy League schools to get more input.
  - e. Counselors provided teacher names for the committee to consider reaching out to for teacher input.
- B. Technology Special Sub-Committee (Eric Lowell, Hana Reed, Mara Guyer, Jeff Hall, Kristi McCollough, Ryan Lucia) – No Report
- C. Calendar Standing Committee Update (Phil Tharp, Jewel Caven, Paige Hawkins) – Final Calendar proposal and updates
- a. Calendar is in the final stages.
  - b. Jewel discussed with Fall Festival to talk to student groups in March because Fall Festival is earlier next fall.
- D. Communication Sub-Committee Update (Beth Bortz, Peggy Feldmann, Virginia Chambers, Zach Troidle, Booster Reps)
- a. Kevin Hazzard reached out and thanked everyone for the organized feedback.
- E. Global Outreach Sub-Committee Update (Kristi McCullough, Dawn Grois, Ethan Cruikshank, Maureen Moslow-Benway)
- a. Colleges/Universities have started to update their calendars with international opportunities and encouraged those interested in travel to take a look and inquire.
- F. Marketing Sub-Committee Update (Jeff McGee, Anthony Taylor, Todd Raviotta)
- a. Dr. McGee met with Todd Raviotta and progress has been made: has an opening to the film, testimonials, plans to frame the video around questions, has b-roll, highlights, photos from Foundation, yearbook, alumni...etc., short bio about Maggie Walker.
  - b. Dr. McGee says they are asking for videos of different lengths...for different audiences/situations.

- G. Stress Management Update (Dawn Grois/Paige Hawkins) – No Report. Leslie Hausser requested list of references discussed at December 2015 meeting be added to these minutes.
- H. PTSA Board Member Update (Peggy Feldman) Decided, based on By-Laws, to wait to appoint a 4<sup>th</sup> PTSA member until the spring when there will also be new faculty and student members brought onto the SAC.

## VI. New Business

- A. Considerations for 2016-2017 Board Members – focus is on new students and the faculty position will be appointed to replace Paige Hawkins, in March of 2016 with a staff vote.
- B. Discussion regarding cords at graduation. There is not a movement to remove the cords at graduation. The discussion is about broadening the cords being worn and the criteria's are still being discussed among the leadership team. Requested Dr. McGee to address on blog.

Adjournment: 8:37am

Next meeting date, February 2, 2016 at 7:30am.