

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School  
for Government and International Studies School  
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 5, 2015, 7:30 a.m., Boardroom, Room 230

Virginia Chambers, Kristi McCollough, Maureen Moslow-Benway, Jewel Caven, Phil Tharp, Kerry Sheppard, Hana Reed, Ethan Cruikshank, Zach Troidle, Jeff McGee, Dawn Grois, Peggy Feldmann, Beth Bortz, Laura Razzolini, Eric Lowell, Leslie Hausser, Paige Hawkins

Welcome and Call to Order 7:38am

- I. Approval of the November 5, 2015 Agenda, 8:29am
- II. Approval of the October 1, 2015 Minutes, 8:29am
- III. Director's Report (Jeff McGee)
  - a. Reports cards will be issued on the 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Informational forum sessions will be November 9, 10, 11 and will be advertised on NPR and Radio One.
  - c. Twenty-nine middle school visits have been held.
  - d. Fall athletics are winding down. Girls and Boys Cross Country won the Conference and Region and their way to a three peat.
- IV. Chairman's Report (Leslie Hausser)
  - a. Welcome of new members from Leslie. All new members were encouraged to actively participate in the open positions on the committees.
  - b. The grading scale committee will take priority and move forward as soon as possible in hopes to finalize before the end of this school year.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Membership Update
    - PTSA Board Member Update (Peggy Feldmann)-PTSA-one final position will be filled. It will likely be January before a member is appointed.

- Planning committee appointment to replace Anthony Washington Update (Jeff McGee). Dr. McGee is trying to select a person from one of the larger divisions.
- Nomination for Office of Vice-Chair. This position became available after Leslie accepted the position of Chair. Leslie asked if any member is willing to step in as the Vice-Chair to notify her.

## VII. New Business

A. Marketing Subcommittee Update (Jeff McGee)-David Holland, is a graduate of MWGS and a member of the VCU DaVinci Center. He suggested a marketing video be created to provide a 5-minute video about the school. Holland is currently working with Todd Raviotta (MLWGS digital video teacher) to create the structure and plan for the video. A concept will be reported on at the next SAC meeting by Dr. McGee.

B. Calendar Subcommittee Update (Phil Tharp/Jewel Caven, Paige Hawkins, Hana Reed)

- Can graduation be held a week earlier for the seniors? This would impact moving senior exams and senior showcase. Mr. Tharp has started putting the 2016-2017 calendar in place with regards to the other counties, religious holidays, spring auction, parent teacher conference and graduation.

C. Grading Scale Sub-Committee,

- Maureen Moslow-Benway, Kerry Sheppard, Ethan Cruikshank, Laura Razollini, and Eric Lowell have volunteered to be on this committee. Jill Gordon has been asked to participate as this is a special committee. MWGS counselor, Penny Deck will also be asked along with a recruiting office from a university. Some discussion about why the present scale is being looked at for change. Other counties have a scale that allows other students at other schools to get a higher GPA than our students here at MLWGS.

#### D. Global Outreach Sub-Committee Update (Kristi McCullough/Dawn Grois and Maureen Moslow-Benway)

- International opportunities are posted on the “about” section of the MLWGS school website under “Academics”. This includes travel opportunities currently offered along with future opportunities. Dawn Grois is working to collect with photos from past teachers of these travel opportunities to provide for the website. Local events (i.e. food festivals, international film festivals,) and local resources (speakers, performers, experts...etc.) are also listed.
- A request posted on *Smoke and Scales* for the community involvement led to an overwhelmingly positive response.

#### E. Appointment/Volunteer Opportunities for Sub-Committees:

- Instructional Technology Committee- is MLWGS where it wants to be with technology? Should SAC take on exploring this issue and make recommendations? Perhaps members could work with Jeff Hall and provide input as MLWGS’s 5-year technology plan that has been written this year.
- The following committee members have agreed to volunteer for this committee. Eric Lowell, Kristi McCoullough, Hana Reed, and Mara Guyer.
- Additionally it was decided that a Communications Special Sub-Committee should be in place to address ways to standardize information being communicated with the school and community? This subcommittee may communication between school organizations, faculty, parents and community (ex. confusion when money being fundraised, and where is it going?) Parents being pursued by several organizations within the school to volunteer/fundraise, could there be a standardized form or location be created?
- Volunteers for the following sub-committee The following committee members have agreed to volunteer for this

committee: Virginia Chambers, Jewel Caven, Peggy  
Feldman, Zach Troidle and Beth Bortz

F. Student Introductions/Reports. Each of the student members  
shared why they are on SAC and their interests.

Adjournment: 8:31am

Next meeting December 1, 2015 at 7:30am