

**Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
for Government and International Studies School
School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 7:30 a.m., Boardroom, Room 230**

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

Welcome and Call to Order (Leslie Hausser)

- I. Approval of the December 1, 2015 Agenda 7:38 am
- II. Approval of the November 5, 2015 Minutes 7:39 am
- III. Director's Report (Jeff McGee)

Discussed the loss of a tenth grader, and the date of the service. Administration is working on providing transportation to the service from the school. The students will have an excused absence granted their parent allows. Winter break will be in three weeks, the freshman lock-in, and the winter dance. The school webpage has the international travel information posted. Newsweek will no longer be recognizing MWGS because we do not own our test scores and because we do not participate in IES (Institute for Education Sciences). Dr. McGee will be checking into Blue Ribbon Schools for recognition.

- IV. Chairman's Report (Leslie Hausser)

Communication of members not getting emails and this will be corrected before the minutes come out. Leslie is asking for members to look at the approved minutes before the next meetings for expediting the following meeting. Leslie acknowledged the members accepting committee positions. Leslie asked Dr. McGee as to when Phil Tharp's position will be advertised and someone would be hired? Dr. McGee said the process will be starting after the winter break. The Town Hall Meeting will be on December 3, 2015 at 6:30pm in the Auditorium.

V. Old Business

A. Membership Update

- PTSA Board Member Update and Introduction of Anthony Taylor (Peggy Feldmann). Anthony introduced himself as a Petersburg and Virginia Tech graduate and Retired from the Army with an interest in teaching Math in the future.
- Planning committee appointment introduction of Raye Rector (Jeff McGee). The Planning committee is a group of individuals appointed from the Superintendents. Raye has agreed to serve from Goochland.
- Vote Office of Vice-Chair – Laura Razzolini was approved for this year's term with a unanimous vote.

VII. New Business

- A. Marketing Subcommittee Update (Jeff McGee) Todd Raviotta and David Holland are continuing to work on the school video and hope to present in January.
- B. Grading Scale Sub-Committee (Maureen Moslow-Benway) Maureen will have an update at next meeting due to several of the members not able to meet.
- C. Global Outreach Sub-Committee Update (Kristi McCullough/Dawn Grois) No current updates at this time.
- D. Technology Special Sub-Committee (Eric Lowell) Eric and Jeff Hall have communicated and are working on what the plan would look like from SAC and has started with a survey. This survey, <http://goo.gl/forms/Sm3DbjtqeS> will be communicated through Dr. McGee's blog post, the school Facebook page, students will have access through itslearning and class Facebook pages. Jeff Hall communicated the role he serves as the Technology Coordinator and being responsible for the technology integrators. They have started the short term technology budget needs, develop a needs assessment, and will develop a set of goals to be presented to the board in June.
- E. Calendar Subcommittee Update (Phil Tharp/Jewel Caven) Phil presented the draft calendar that was voted on behalf of the

- Department Chairs. Discussion about certain items on the calendar i.e. Fall Festival, Homecoming, and senior exams.
- F. Discussion of Stress Management Initiatives at Maggie Walker (Dawn Grois) Dawn discussed generally the view of stress from the students and from the teachers here at school. She mentioned the Mindfulness committee and the work they will be doing. Dawn mentioned she has information from 1994 from the director at the time and how he mentioned stress at the school then. Discussed the Mindfulness start here at the school and how we will proceed.
- G. Communication Sub-Committee Update Beth met and will continue to meet for the year.
- H. Ethan Cruikshank was recognized for receiving the 2015 Nickelodeon HALO Award (Helping and Leading Others), for his efforts in his community for starting Music to my Ears.

Adjournment: 8:34 am

Next meeting date January 5, 2015 7:30am