

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
for Government and International Studies School

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 1, 2016, 7:30 a.m., Boardroom, Room 230

Present: Leslie Hausser, Laura Razzolini, Kerry Sheppard, Peggy Feldman, Reye Rector, Eric Lowell, Dawn Grois, Kristi McCullough, Phil Tharp, Anthony Taylor, Virginia Chambers, Mara Guyer, Jewel Caven, Dr. Jeff McGee, Beth Bortz, Hana Reed, Paige Hawkins

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Approval of the June 1, 2016 Agenda, 7:34am
- III. Approval of the May 3, 2016 Minutes. Changes were noted that the budget increased approximately \$600,000.00. Dr. Jeff McGee and Hana Reed were both present at the last meeting. Approved 7:37am
- IV. Chairman's report- Leslie Hausser
 - A. Chairman Welcome – Leslie expressed her gratitude and thanked everyone for all of their time, input, efforts and their volunteer work had not gone unnoticed.
- V. Director's Report-Jeff McGee
 - A. Dr. McGee recognized everyone's great work with spring sports, senior showcase, and other extra-curricular activities. The Honor Council had a meeting and was routed with comments and concerns to the school's legal team (waiting on feedback) – really looking at FRPA guidelines. The AP test and SOLs have been taken. The trips to Canada and California have returned successfully. This week speeches for new class officers are being held as well as athletic competitions are still involved with region and state competitions. The graduation planning is underway with regalia, ticket distribution and baccalaureate.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Grading Scale Sub-Committee- Maureen Moslow-Benway
 - B. Final recommendation – The committee looked at national trends, feeder schools, colleges and other governor's schools and with a trend of many schools migrating to or already changed to a 10 point scale. They met with Maggie Walker school counselors, and colleges/universities and found the possible uniformity of the grading school at Maggie Walker would be less confusing for college and university acceptance. They met with eight of the 14 faculty representatives and the majority were in favor of shifting but there concerns to maintain rigor and let students know this change doesn't mean their grades are going to increase which will require clear communication when the change occurs. The split came when it was time to decide if MLWGS switched to an A+/A/A- or an A+/A scale. School counseling ran the numbers, and the A+/A/A- scale actually hurt the grades of most students. A+/A scale did not increase or hurt the students, so it is the recommendation of the committee for MLWGS to shift to the 10-point A+/A scale. (ex. A+ would be 97 -100). The committee also recommends that if the administration and Regional School Board doesn't approve of SAC's recommendation, that they maintain the current grading scale (rather than shifting to the A+/A/A- scale). A vote was taken for SAC to accept the recommendation from the committee and was approved.

- C. Technology Special Sub-Committee- Eric Lowell
 - 1. Jeff Hall and technology integrators are finishing the 3 year strategic plan for technology. The committee has suggested the technology committee continue to serve on SAC. The new server is being purchased and new devices are being deployed in FY2017. Attached are the meeting minutes.
- D. Communication Special Sub-Committee Update- Beth Bortz
 - 1. Foundation and administration met with Peggy Feldmann, PTSA President, and talked about bringing entities from around the school, booster groups and PTSA, together which would help with clearer communications, finances and decrease the overlap of the same volunteers helping. Attached are the meeting minutes.
- E. Global Outreach Special Sub-Committee Update- Kristi McCullough
 - 1. Kristi reported that richly infusing opportunities have been brought into the school, and she will update the information on the website over the summer. Attached are the meeting minutes.
- F. Marketing Special Subcommittee Update- Anthony Taylor
 - 1. Todd Raviotta said the first list submitted with teacher recommendations has been received and he plans to start interviews next week. The committee's work will continue over the summer and into the fall. Leslie asked if the videos could try to incorporate the entrance and excitement of students in the fall. Attached are the minutes from the meeting.
- G. Nominating
 - 1. She asked that when proposing or nominating a candidate from the floor for an office to ensure there is contact with the person they are being nominated and that they are willing to accept that nomination. The slate of Officers for 2016-17 are Leslie Hausser-Chair, Laura Razzolini- Vic-Chair, Kristi McCullough-Historian, and Kerry Sheppard-Secretary.
- H. Planning Committee- Raye Rector
 - 1. Raye said the committee will be reaching out to the students from the different localities to inquire why they chose not to attend Maggie Walker in the fall. The trend has shown over time more students are declining.
- I. Parent Updates-Kristi McCullough
 - 1. The parents were grateful for being allowed input. The summary is attached.
- J. Calendar Subcommittee Update- Phil Tharp/Jewel Caven – No Report
- K. MLWGS Mission and Vision: SAC Alignment- Anthony Taylor – No Report

VII. New Business

- A. SAC Chair End of Year Report- deferred. This will be emailed to the current SAC by the end of June and presented at the fall retreat for continued discussion.
- B. Meeting Days and Time for 2016-2017 were presented and were sent via email.
- C. SAC Planning Lock-In/Kick-Off – Laura Razzolini.
 - 1. There is a need to meet for a couple of hours and plan for the year. The date for the lock-in will be determined using a Doodle poll.
 - 2. Enclosure of courtyard – Building Structure- The strategic plan identified this space as an area that could be used for a common learning space. The original school design has this area enclosed and was discussed as an opportunity for tech-rich space for learning.

Concerns were raised could be assuaged if there is any additional outdoor space to enclosed. Nothing has been finalized and per Dr. McGee there will be an opportunity for people to get involved.

- D. Membership-Peggy Feldmann will be stepping off the SAC, as her Directors Appointment term expires at the end of June 2016. She was asked to stay on the Communication sub-committee by Leslie Hausser and she has agreed. Hana Reed resigned her position effective 6/30/16 with Barbara Marshall, the director's assistant, will be filling the position as she was the elected alternate by the faculty. John Walter, a teacher in the math department, was elected by the faculty.

Adjournment:
8:35 am