

**MLWGS School Advisory Council (SAC) 2016-2017
Tuesday November 1, 2016**

**Meeting Room 153 - 1st Floor by the Blue Stone Lobby
Meetings begin promptly at 7:30 AM**

SAC Executive Board: Chair - Leslie Hausser, Vice-Chair - Laura Razzolini (absent), Historian - Kristi McCullough (absent), Secretary - Kerry Sheppard
Members: Zach Troidle, Mara Guyer (absent), Will Larson, Catherine Qian, Dawn Grois, John Walter, Max Smith/Phil Tharp, Raye Rector, Beth Bortz, Jewel Caven, Eric Lowell, Brick Brickley, Maureen Moslow-Benway, Anthony Taylor, Cynthia Kostelecky, Barbara Marshall
MLWGS Director: Jeff McGee (absent)

Time	Topic	Facilitator	Notes
5 min	1. Call to Order and Introductions	Leslie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:36a.m. Cynthia Kostelecky has joined SAC to replace Anthony Taylor, who is leaving to serve as President of the PTSA.
5 min	2. Agenda Discussion and Approval for 11/1/16 3. Minutes from 10/04/16 Review and Acceptance	Leslie Leslie/Kerry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved 7:40a.m. Approved 7:41a.m.
30 min	4. Old Business 5. Honor Council Update 6. Curricular Review and Enhancement Committee 7. Technology Committee 8. Marketing (Video) Committee 9. Planning 10. Global and Outreach Committee 11. Collaborative Planning (Communications) Committee 12. Calendar Committee	Eric Brick Eric Anthony Maureen Beth Max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Honor Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regional School Board (RSB) had a first read of the new Honor Council plan on Thursday, October 20. The vote to approve the plan will be held at the November 10th meeting. Questions raised by the RSB included whether the new plan made the process more difficult for students and whether the new plan would result in the same issues as the previous plan (students reporting students) Max Smith indicated that Jeff McGee has asked him to get the committee together to work out the logistics of implementation so that the plan could be rolled out in January. Curriculum Review and Enhancement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brick Brickely updated SAC on Laura Razzolini's behalf Laura Razzolini met with Wendy Ellis and three goals were identified for SAC to research: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Should more AP and/or Dual Enrollment classes be added What are the benefits of AP vs. Dual Enrollment How are courses assigned to teachers, assessed, and improvement measured? Wendy Ellis would also like SAC's help identifying what types of classes the student body wants at MLWGS Leslie Hausser indicated that with a new director

			<p>coming in, some of this work may have to wait, but SAC will work with Wendy Ellis to get started because this project can assist with student recruitment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eric Lowell reported that the tech plan for MLWGS is currently being rolled out with Jeff Hall at the helm ▪ Leslie Hausser asked that the members of the technology look at the MLWGS website and give feedback on the SAC links • Marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Anthony Taylor reported that Todd Raviotta’s video is more geared for parents than students. Hannah Tuten’s video seems more appropriate for students, so it has been shared with Todd Raviotta. ▪ Background music for the parent video has been added, and Todd Raviotta has requested feedback. ▪ It is unlikely that any of these videos will be ready for this year’s recruitment. • Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raye Rector reported that the committee has been working on curriculum concerns, admission and application process. Applications for prospective students are due December 1. ▪ No changes have been made to the testing process, but the committee is continually examining the assessments in order to be sensitive to any cultural biases. ▪ Last year gifted coordinators were asked to reach out to those students who declined MLWGS, and that information was given to Wendy Ellis. • Collaborative (Communications) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A work session is being held with the PTSA and Foundation executive committees on November 24. • Global Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maureen Moslow-Benway reported that the committee has been working to identify new/innovative ways for MLWGS to work with VCU
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	<p>13. New Business 14. Foundation Update 15. Marketing and Recruitment Committee 16. Interim Director – RSB Director Search 17. Nominations</p>	<p>Suzanna Stora Leslie Max</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suzanna Stora introduced herself and gave a quick summation of the Foundation’s role at MLWGS (supports field trips, faculty development, student assistance, Taylor Teaching Award for travel abroad,...etc.). ▪ Suzanna Stora invited everyone to stop by the office. ▪ Since last year, the annual fund raised by the Foundation has increased by almost double. ▪ The Foundation is budgeted to give \$200,000 in enhancement grants. ▪ Leslie Hausser encouraged SAC members to work the phonathon and inquire at their work about match donation opportunities ▪ Suzanna Stora reminded everyone that donations can be made online. Her e-mail address is sstora@governorsschoolfoundation.org • Marketing and Recruitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Todd Raviotta was contracted by the school to complete the recruitment video. Several elements are

			<p>still being examined/edited before completion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If there is a SAC member interested in chairing this committee, please let Leslie Hausser know. The position would start in January. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interim Director update<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Max Smith reported that Jonathan Lewis will start December 1, but he will shadow Jeff McGee for five days in November. Lewis has working knowledge of the building as the former interim Richmond City Public Schools superintendent. Max Smith suggested SAC members look at Jonathan Lewis' LinkedIn page for a more descriptive résumé.▪ Several parents and alumni have shared their disappointment with the survey sent out by the MLWGS administration requesting feedback for the new director's position. The ill-defined questions and lack of space for comment left SAC members hoping for more involvement in the search later. Suzanna Stora indicated that several alumni had reached out because they were left off the original request for feedback. That has since been corrected.▪ Leslie Hausser indicated that Jeff McGee has recommended to the RSB that the SAC chair, PTSA chair, and Foundation chair participate in the search for a new director, but no follow up has been made yet.• Nominations<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Jewel Caven reminded SAC that several current members will be rolling off at the end of this school year.▪ Leslie Hausser asked that if any member was interested in a leadership position to please reach out to her.▪ SAC was introduced to parents at the first PTSA meeting, but there is a concern that not many parents know SAC exists. To ensure diversity, please look for nominees from as many of the localities as possible (try to replace those members who are leaving with
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			new members from the same or unrepresented localities)
5 min	18. Announcements, Closure of meeting by Chair	Leslie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLWGS Information Forums for prospective students will be held on November 14, 15, and 16. • A Town-Hall-style budget information meeting will be held on December 6. If you would like to speak, please reach out to Barbara Marshall. • Peggy Feldmann is looking for volunteers to help with the Night of the Dragon auction on February 25th. • November 11 will be Phil Tharp's retirement party. There is a special fund being created by the Foundation in his name. Please RSVP for the party and consider donating. • Meeting ended at 8:29a.m.
REMINDERS: 12/6 Budget Discussion			

Upcoming Meetings and MLWGS Dates		
Event/Activity	Meeting Date/Time	Location
SAC Meeting	November 1, 2016 7:30 AM	Room 153
SAC Meeting	December 6, 2016 7:30 AM	Room 153
SAC Meeting	January 3, 2017 7:30 AM	Room 153
SAC Meeting	February 7, 2017 7:30 AM	Room 153
SAC Meeting	March 7, 2017 7:30 AM	Room 153
SAC Meeting	April 4, 2017 7:30 AM	Room 153
SAC Meeting	May 2, 2017 7:30 AM	Room 153
SAC Meeting	June 6, 2017 7:30 AM	Room 153