

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

**School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 1, 2016, 7:30 a.m., Boardroom, Room 230**

Present: Laura Razzolini, Kristi McCullough, Maureen Moslow-Benway, Dr. Jeff McGee, Raye Rector, Virginia Chambers, Zach Troidle, Dawn Grois, Phil Tharp, Peggy Feldmann, Jewel Caven, Ethan Cruikshank, Beth Bortz, Hana Reed, Paige Hawkins

Welcome and Call to Order (Laura Razzolini)

- I. Approval of the March 1, 2016 Agenda 7:30am
- II. Approval of the February 2, 2016 Minutes 7:31am
- III. Director's Report (Jeff McGee)
 - a. The Girls and Boys Indoor track, Girls Swimming, one wrestler and one diver all were State champions.
 - b. "A former honor council member decried the achievements of a classmate who had an honor violation via social media. The child called into question the integrity of the scholarship committee, guidance, and administration. Such issues are confidential however, Dr. McGee is confident no such breach of integrity occurred and that the recommendation of the honor council and council sponsor were precisely followed. He plans address the situation via personal venues in more detail than can be shared via email."
 - c. The senior sponsor, counselors and directors are getting ready for the junior book awards and graduation.
 - d. The regalia policy is continuing to be discussed and Virginia Chambers wanted clarification regarding the honor council situation.
 - e. Dr. McGee will be sending information out regarding senior recognition and senior night. Senior night recognition will be on June 8th at 7:00pm in the auditorium.

- f. Kristi asked why the regalia policy was changing. Being on the Faculty Council, Hana Reed stated that the council brought the regalia rules to the administration with concerns that the previous policy (Honor Society cords only) was not being enforced. There was no further explanation from administration.

IV. Vice-Chair Laura Razzolini (substituting for Leslie) Laura asked for everyone to review the email addresses and contacts so that it can be updated for the committee.

V. Old Business

- A. Grading Scale Sub-Committee (Maureen Moslow-Benaway) – Report. This committee met on February 10, 2016 with teachers, parents and several students. The committee will be formulating a survey teachers and students to give feedback. See attached minutes.
- B. Planning Committee (Raye Rector)- Regional evaluation day was February 17, 2016, at Maggie Walker for the scoring for the class of 2020 and the letters will be going out to the students on March 11, 2016 to the rough 1100 students who were evaluated.
- C. Technology Special Sub-Committee (Eric Lowell)-See attached minutes.
- D. Calendar Subcommittee Update (Phil Tharp/Jewel Caven) – No Report
- E. Communication Special Sub-Committee Update (Beth Bortz) The committee did not meet in February. The Foundation hired Susannah Stora as the new director who will start on April 4, 2016.
- F. Global Outreach Special Sub-Committee Update (Kristi McCullough) See attached minutes.
- G. Marketing Subcommittee Update (Anthony Taylor)-See attached minutes.
- H. Membership Update (Leslie Hausser) – No Report

VI. New Business

- A. Discussion regarding changes in ECON/Personal Finance Summer Course: Beth Bortz brought the concern that new rules require students taking the course to come in to school every week during the summer to take tests. This makes it almost impossible for families to take a vacation while the student is in the course. Because the class is in the summer the students shouldn't be required to come in every week during the summer to take a test. Discussed the importance of taking the class on-line and being mindful that the changes were because students were caught cheating. Discussion regarding the mid-term and final could be required to come in to take the test, but not every unit. SAC would like the administration to revisit the changes regarding the students taking it in the summer.
- B. Peggy Feldmann discussed that the number of items up for auction were decreased from the past and the money was close to what it has been in the past. Peggy Feldmann praised everyone for all of the hard work that was done to put it on.

Adjournment: 8:33am

Next meeting: April 5, 2016 7:30am