

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

## **Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 7:30 a.m., Boardroom, Room 230**

Present: Chamie Valentine, Leslie Hausser, Kristi McCullough, Phil Tharp, Peggy Feldman, Hana Reed, Jewel Caven, Ethan Cruikshank, Dr. Jeff McGee, Zachary Troidle, Virginia Chambers, Mara Guyer, Paige Hawkins, Kerry Sheppard

- I. Welcome and Call to Order 7:35 am
- II. Approval of the September 15, 2015 Agenda, approved 7:42 am
- III. Approval of the June 4, 2015 Minutes, approved 7:44 am
- IV. Director's Report
  - A. We had a wonderful opening on September 8, with 746 students, 8 new faculty members. The school is undergoing a new HVAC system, new LED lighting in the gymnasium, water retrofit and solar array. Currently the class meetings are being held to discuss the handbook and to review the bike race and back to school night.
  - B. Anthony Washington has stepped down as the representative from the Planning Committee. A new representative will be appointed at the next meeting.
- V. Chairman's Report
  - A. Chamie Valentine and Dr. McGee met over the summer and discussed topics for the School Advisory Council to work on for 2015-2016. SAC's membership will be able to expand to two members.
  - B. A new chairman must be selected and typically it is someone from PTSA, the staff or the community.
- VI. Old Business
  - A. Topics Related to our By-Laws
    1. Amendments (Review by the Regional School Board Policy Committee / New Mission Statement) Changes to the by-laws for the final read were given.  
Unanimous approval of those present, of the by-laws.
    2. Membership (New Members)
      - a. Peggy Feldman, PTSA president, said the PTSA has appointed Eric Lowell and Maureen Moslow-Benway. Jeff McGee can appoint one more person. The planning committee will appoint one member to replace Anthony Washington.
      - b. When Chamie Valentine steps down, a new member will serve the remainder of her original term (2016), according to the by-laws.
    3. Officers- Election of a New Chair  
Leslie Hausser commented that she would be willing to fill the position as Chairman for one year. This election will take place at the October meeting.
  - B. Advisory Council Website

1. Virginia Chambers presented a draft of the SAC website and where it can be accessed on the Maggie Walker homepage. This will be posted on the “about” section of the website.

VII. New Business

A. Topics and Special Committees for 2015-2016 (Preliminary Research / Assignments)

- a. Dr. McGee would like for SAC to conduct preliminary research on the current grading scale.
- b. Kristi McCullough has been working on Global Outreach to build a guest speaker list. She has proposed adding lists to assist teachers, and wants guidance on how to continue to get feedback from teachers and staff.

B. Dates for 2015-2016 Meetings  
October 1, 2015, Thursday 7:30am

Adjournment: 8:35 am