MLWGS School Advisory Council (SAC) Tuesday, February 12, 2019 7:30-8:30am

Room 153 1st Floor Blue Stone Lobby

SAC Executive Board: Chair – Cynthia Kostelecky, Vice-Chair – Dan Brown, Secretary – John Walter, Historian – Barrie Bowers

Members: Dave Barnes, Wendy DeGroat, Prasad Edlapalli, Dan Giorgis, Sammy Guinn, Ann Ifekwunigwe, Melissa Kates, Bryce Lyle, Jennifer McCluskey, Miles Nardi , Julia Ochsenshirt, Jill Potts, Narmeen Rashid, Denise Rasmussen, Max Smith

Time	Торіс	Facilitator	Notes
3 min	 Call to Order Introductions Agenda - Discussion and Approval of February 12 meeting agenda Minutes - Review and Acceptance of January 8 meeting minutes 	Cynthia Kostelecky	 7:35 – Call to order Dr. Lowerre and Barbara Marshall introduced as guests. Agenda approved January 8th minutes approved
10 min 25 min	 5. Barbara Marshall, Maggie Walker Regional School Board representative update and discussion with the SAC 6. Dr. Lowerre school identity discussion with the SAC 	Cynthia Kostelecky	 Barbara Marshall provided a Regional School Board update. School board reorganized at January meeting, same leadership team as 2018. No new board members. February meeting will have budget workshop session. Public budget meeting in March, SAC members and other constituents urged to attend. Dr. Lowerre will discuss the school identity survey results and next steps with the SAC. Dr. Lowerre spoke first about the proposed budget, trying for 3% raise for teachers, which would be in line with the 5% over two years that is currently in the state budget. School

			Identity – Discussed survey. Some results highlighted: Large number (About 25%) of students who said this school was only option. Number one reason students choose to attend – class offerings and academics. Are we a prep school for colleges? Some parents appear to believe this should be our mission. Take college acceptance out and compare to any other school and we are matched up in a positive way. Next step, edit survey so it can be sent out to parents. Dr. Lowerre will distribute through PTSA and Smoke & Scales. Also, we will be asking students who decline to attend why they chose another school in acceptance letters this year. The work accomplished here will help drive and focus us as we develop the next strategic plan.
	7. New Business – Committee Reports		 Committee status reports and discussion of committee projects
	Calendar Committee	Max Smith	Calendar – Draft calendar distributed for
	Nomination & By-Laws Committee	Barrie Bowers	comment. Comments quite light. Cutting lunch by 5 minutes from 48 to 43 minutes would greatly help us on inclement weather days. We could add
20 min	Curriculum & Enhancement Committee	Cynthia Kostelecky	a 4 th day on Memorial weekend. This year we will need to reduce lunch by 20 minutes for three weeks to make up 4 hours of instruction time.
	Policy & Handbook Review & Revisions Committee	Narmeen Rashid	Calendar will go to board next meeting for first read.
	Global Outreach Committee	Ann Ifekwunigwe	 Nomination – Gearing up for nomination process for this year Curriculum & Enhancement – Will disband and
			move into policy committee

	Student & Family Engagement Committee 8. Open Forum for additional topics	Melissa Kates Cynthia Kostelecky	 Policy – Move to rename to Policy & Curriculum Review committee. Seniors will be released from class attendance after exams in May. Also proposing excused tardies be eliminated from attendance requirements. Discussed raising grade threshold to 85 for exemption, but this is not a proposal at this time. Global Outreach – Still finalizing criteria for speaker and identifying speaker for this year. Student & Family – gathering rationale for changes that would be proposed. Focus on looking at the one day orientation in August, working with that school committee. Collaborating with PTSA communications to work out process of contact points for freshman parents and families from small districts. No items 			
2 min	9. Announcements & Closure of Meeting	Cynthia Kostelecky	9. 8:28 – meeting adjourned			
REMINDERS: SAC Meetings – Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14, June 11, all 7:30-8:30 am						