

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

Minutes from SAC meeting on May 17, 2022

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:37 a.m. by Chair, Michael Larkin

Members Present: Michael Larkin, Ed Coleman, Karen Townsend, Lynn Pleveich Leigh Anne Ratliff, Julie Solomon, Madison Kang, Rachel Gable, Lisa Williams, Rachel Loving, Sean Fang, and Kyleen Terrana.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The agenda for today's meeting was approved.
- Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Committee Activity Reports

Nominations and By-Laws – Ed summarized the process for selecting faculty members which involved nominations followed by a vote among faculty. Ed is in conversation with the top vote getters to confirm their willingness to serve. The student request for applications resulted in 18 submissions and this pool was narrowed down to the top 6 who will be interviewed next week. The two faculty and two student reps selected for 22/23 will be announced at SAC's June meeting.

Policy and Curriculum – Madison reported that the student survey is currently open and the group will be able to report on results by next meeting. The purpose of the survey is to ask about weighting of honors classes in the GPA. Rachel L. said that the college survey targeted to admissions personnel will be sent out at the end of this week. Similar to the student survey, it will ask how the Maggie Walker's GPA weighting of challenging honors classes is considered in the admissions process.

Cultural and Student Engagement – Dr. Williams stated that the group will be meeting this Friday with the intent of planning work for next school year. Programs are intended to align with the school's cultural competency initiative for teachers, focusing specifically on Native American, Arab American, and Desi-American cultures along with Black History and Women's History Months.

Strategic Marketing/Engagement Plan – Kyleen reported that a survey is being developed with the help of Wendy DeGroat and it will be directed to prospective students and parents who attend Future Dragon Days. The group is especially interested in using the survey to hear from prospective families who do not choose Maggie Walker for high school.

Karen T. shared a suggested recruitment strategy with the group based on her senior daughter's recent experience with revisiting her elementary school together with other graduating seniors. She suggested that having seniors reach back to their elementary schools might be a good approach to sparking kids interest in the high school at an early age.

Announcements and Closure

Michael reviewed the bylaws and procedures for filling executive committee positions. The bylaws state that these positions are supposed to be nominated and voted on. Chairperson runs the meetings and determines subcommittee leadership. Chairperson is preferred to be a parent. Vice chair backs up the chair and ensures that procedure is followed. Reporting secretary keeps the minutes and transmits them to the school executive. The historian role is less specific and could be defined by the individual filling the position. The Sharepoint site and the mlwgs.com web page are two areas where the historian could work on archiving records of SAC activities.

Michael requested that SAC members submit nominations of themselves or others for EC roles between now and the June meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be solicited at the meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 7, with the primary purpose being EC elections and announcement of new faculty and students members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 a.m