

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

School Advisory Council

Minutes from SAC meeting on September 28, 2023

The virtual meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Chair, Julie Solomon

Members Present: Julie Solomon, Bethany Brady Spalding, Christine Anderson, Sam Ulmschneider, Isabella Kenney, Sophia Watson, Sonia Chornodolsky, Hilary Gawne, Imran Rassiwalla, Matthew Carter, Laura McCoy, Affrika Ennis, Lynn Pleveich, Asima Chakravorty, Allison Dunaway

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The agenda for today's meeting was approved.
- Minutes from the May meeting will be approved at our October meeting. We are currently sourcing member notes to complete the minutes, as they were not filed in Sharepoint last spring. Thank you to Laura McCoy for offering to provide her notes.

Old Business

Introductions of SAC's current and new members were completed. Welcome to new parent members, Asima Chakravorty and Allison Dunaway; new student members, Sonia Chornodolsky '25 and Sophia Watson '25; and faculty member, Hilary Gawne. Special thanks to Ed Coleman for his Herculean efforts to complete recruitment.

New Business

SAC utilizes a Microsoft Sharepoint site for our documentation. New members will be added to the site via a separate email, but Julie is still determining how to get permission to add new members to the site. Julie asked new members for patience, as she is uncertain that we have IT support for Sharepoint.

SAC will attempt to meet "hybridly" both on site at MLWGS and via GoogleMeet for those who need to meet virtually. This is a free service for an hour-long meeting as opposed to Zoom which has a 45-minute cut-off for its free service.

Thank you to Ed Coleman who presented the 2022-2023 Year-end report on behalf of SAC. She recommended that new members read that document to orient themselves to SAC, as well as the SAC By Laws and a refresher on Robert's Rules of Order that were attached in the welcome email sent earlier this month.

SAC members traditionally participate on one to two committees. Bethany indicated that it is important that we have diverse perspectives on the committees. Current committee membership was shared. New members brought fantastic ideas to their interviews, so Julie is looking forward to discussing what our committees will address this year.

Julie asked SAC to review the MLWGS Strategic Plan 2020-2025 website, as it provides important context as we think about our agenda for the year ahead. Information and recent updates can be found at <https://mlwgs.com/about/regional-school-board/proposed-strategic-plan/>

The SAC membership list for 2023-2024 was shared, and Julie asked for updates and corrections, so that it could be finalized.

Announcements and Closure

SAC was asked to provide feedback on suggested meeting dates and times for 23-24, as well as their preferences on committee service.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 a.m.