

Walnut Hills High School

LSDMC Minutes for August 28, 2014

In Attendance: Jeff Brokamp, Sally Thurman, Amy Kappers, Andy Kolesar, Peggy Groeber, Jo Baldwin, Bill Kern, Tracy Mason, Steve Baker, Joe Malek , Amira Mesmer, Sallie Barringer

1. Introductions. No minutes found from the May meeting. Therefore, none approved.
2. Andy Kolesar introduced Amy Kappers as the new LSDMC Chairperson. Tracy Mason motioned to approve, Sally Thurman seconded the motion. Kappers approved for leadership 2014-15.
3. Amy reviewed the documents regarding expectations/outcomes for LSDMC:
 - a. Community Engagement documentation from the Board of Ed
 - b. LSDMC 2013-14 Assessment
4. Sallie Barringer presented report from the Technology Committee
 - a. WHHS received 840 tablets designed for 7th and 8th graders
 - b. These are to be utilized for PARCC
 - c. Mr. Brokamp added that every 7th/8th grade student in the district was provided a tablet to support the middle school concept
 - d. Unlike rest of district WHHS not doing daily advisement
 - e. Students will take PARCC tests on these tablets
 - f. Steve Baker asked whether there was a teacher task force in place that will determine the use of the tablets.
 - i. PARCC Testing conversation ensued, as there is question of whether the students will be taking test on internet vs. wifi...
 - g. Sallie Barringer mentioned that teachers are currently being trained on technology and using it far more effectively than before, but there still is a wide range of users.
 - h. Mr. Brokamp mentioned the ongoing challenge of incorporating technology into a classical education
 - i. Bill Kerns mentioned that the next step is to develop and implement the increased technology in our classical classrooms. Cited that Mariemont had students that successfully trained teachers.
 - i. JB – mentioned that the challenge is for the teachers to adopt the applications
 - ii. SB – suggested adding an FAQ /blog for website
 - iii. BK – how is technology being used and are the students using it for educational goals...
5. Students' Report:
 - a. Joe Malek reported that students from Student Congress helped out with all student orientations. 65 – 75 students helped!

- b. Mr. Brokamp was highly complimentary of their participation in the orientations
- 6. Principal's Report:
 - a. Enrollment 2710 vs. 1850 (10 years ago)
 - b. The enrollment conversation was very active at this point – as many suggestions were made to help figure out how to manage the enrollments numbers.
 - i. Bill Kerns mentioned that perhaps we embrace the enrollment and challenge ourselves to grow
 - ii. Mr. Brokamp mentioned that being land-locked was an issue for now
 - c. The lower athletic field is ready for business!
 - d. Mentioned the efficiency and cooperative nature of the students during the week's tornado and fire drills
 - e. 2 recent lock-down situations – all neighborhood issues
 - f. Testing nightmare to ensue with PARCC!
 - g. Tech coordinator added
 - h. Writing center enhanced
 - i. Very hopeful for an outstanding year! (Dr. Thurman also mentioned the outstanding attitude of the student body.)
- 7. Community report:
 - a. None (Monna absent)
- 8. Amy presented LSDMC Calendar with agenda items
- 9. Peggy Groeber motioned to adjourn. Dr. Thurman seconded motion.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Mason.