

Walnut Hills High School

LSDMC Minutes for September 18, 2014

In Attendance: Jeff Brokamp, Sally Thurman, Amy Kappers, Tracy Mason, Steve Baker, Monna Beckford, Jeff Lazar, Brian Sweeney, Mitchell Perdrix, Elena Miyasato, Amira Mesmer, Felicia Williams

1. Introductions. Sally Thurman moved for approval of the August minutes, seconded by Monna Beckford. All in favor. Minutes approved.
2. Amy Kappers announced that Deb Heldman would be presenting in October.
3. Principal's Report:
 - a. Reviewed Natl Merit program achievements (213 was this year's qualifying score, 203 for commended level.)
 - b. Reviewed AP scores and trends
 - c. Spoke to the success of AP students speaking to the efficacy of the teachers
 - d. Dr. Thurman mentioned increase in math and science AP enrollment
 - e. Amira mentioned Mrs. Geller's Lunch Bunch programs, and Monday Achievers – a program geared to minority groups
 - f. We reviewed the class size of each of the AP classes
 - g. Mr. Brokamp suggested that we review a particular classification of data at each meeting
 - h. Brian Sweeney suggested that we drive this data down by instructional departments
 - i. Various suggestions were made to isolate success after Walnut and how that may relate to AP course success
 - j. Felicia Williams inquired as to how African Americans are represented and how we can address the inequities of those kids in AP courses
 - k. The conversation drifted back to burgeoning enrollment. Amy Kappers and Mr. Brokamp decided to meet to establish the next batch of data that we review in order to impact registration for next year.
 - l. Potentially adding 2 AP courses next year
 - m. Significant IT opportunity with UC. UC received 5-yr grant – may result in UC faculty teaching courses here.
4. Chair's Report:
 - a. LSDMC needs to have enrollment suggestions in place for November meeting.
 - b. Bi-laws need to be handed in by November 1.
 - i. Discussion ensued regarding some verbiage that needed to be modified

- ii. Amy requested that we each bring our modified version back to discuss at October meeting.
 - c. Additional discussion on enrollment
 - i. Elena mentioned that if other CPS high schools were perceived more favorably we wouldn't have this problem – suggested that Walnut help these schools
 - ii. Mr. Brokamp replied that we need to attend to our task at hand
 - d. Need to amend calendar
 - i. Mr. Brokamp is on the calendar committee
- 5. Student's Report:
 - a. Homecoming!
 - b. Student Congress has created a survey for under-performing students in conjunction with the Advanced Ed committee
 - i. Conversation ensued regarding the how/who/what of this survey. Decided more thought needed to go into this project.
- 6. Community report:
 - a. St. Ambrose (new apartments) are flourishing
 - b. Jack's closed!
 - c. Still working closely with District 2 to keep cleaning up Evanston
 - d. Excited about University Station
 - e. Tri-Health will now be at University Station to service the community
 - f. Appreciative of over 30 WHHS students tutoring and the art club
 - g. Blair Ave renamed "Dehart Hubbard Blvd"
- 7. Jeff Lazar motioned to adjourn. Felicia Wililams seconded motion. Meeting adjourned. Sursum ad summum.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tracy Mason.