

Walnut Hills High School
Local Decision Making Committee Meeting
September 17, 2015
7:00PM
Minutes

Attendees

The following LSDMC members were in attendance: Jeff Brokamp, Steve Baker, Mitch Perdrix, Bea Baker, Emily Bond, John Chambers, Jeff Lazar and Denise Beachamp.

Approval of Minutes

There were no meeting minutes presented for approval.

Introductions

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Election of Officers

Jeff Brokamp nominated Steve Baker as the new LSDMC Chairperson. Emily Bond seconded the motion. Steve Baker was approved unanimously as Chairperson for 2015-16.

Jeff Brokamp nominated Denise Beachamp as Vice Chairperson. Emily Bond seconded the motion. Denise Beachamp was approved unanimously as Vice Chairperson for 2015-16.

Jeff Brokamp nominated Tracy Mason as Recorder. Emily Bond seconded the motion. Tracy Mason was approved unanimously as Recorder for 2015-16.

An alternate recorder was not acted upon.

Bylaws and Roster

Amending the Bylaws to include a policy of recommending an enrollment plan was discussed. There was no formal action taken on the bylaws or roster.

Enrollment Update

The Committee discussed its continuing efforts to manage enrollment growth at Walnut Hills. Jeff Brokamp reported that the plans agreed to with the CPS Board of Education in Spring 2015 had been modified which led to an increase in enrollment again in 2015-16. Steve Baker reported that a group of Alumni, led by Debbie Heldman and Neil Bortz, had recently met with Mary Ronan to discuss these enrollment issues. While no conclusions were reached, the group felt that the views of the Alumni Foundation and the LSDMC were

properly expressed and that there was a lot of work still to do in order to come up with an acceptable solution.

Expectations and Goals for 2015-16

Steve Baker outlined for the Committee the two areas of focus for the 2015-16 year: establishing a plan to manage the growth of enrollment at Walnut Hills, and support for the school accreditation process.

Principal's Report

Jeff Brokamp reported that the beginning of the school year had run smoothly and that there were no material issues to report. The State of the School address would be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. Jeff reported that there are 552 7th graders enrolled this year and a total of 2,788 total students. He added that he had a full and talented staff and he looked forward to a very good year. Jeff also reported that the testing challenges that the school experienced last year shouldn't happen this year.

Student's Report

There was no student report.

Evanston Community Report

There was no Evanston Community Report.

Meeting Calendar

The meetings dates for the 2015-16 year will be:

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Thursday, October 15, 2015 (rescheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2015)

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Thursday, April 21, 2016

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.