

Walnut Hills High School
Local Decision Making Committee Meeting

December 8, 2016

5:30PM

Minutes

Attendees

The following LSDMC members were in attendance: Terrence Poole, Mitch Perdrix, Laura Deck, Meg Dietz, Brian Sweeney, Beth Ormsby, Kendall Young, Adam Sela, Emily Bond, and Steve Baker.

Approval of Minutes

Meg motioned to approve minutes for Nov 15 meeting. Mitch seconded. The motion passed.

Enrollment

Steve presented a resolution to support a change in the entrance requirement for Walnut Hills HS. A discussion followed and a few changes evolved for the resolution to read:

“The Walnut Hills LSDMC supports the reinstatement of a score of 70th percentile or above on the math and reading components on the Terra Nova standardized test offered through Cincinnati Public Schools as the sole entrance requirement for students seeking admission to Walnut Hills High School. This would require a combined composite score of 140 or higher on the two components.”

Emily motioned to approve it. Meg seconded. It passed.

Principal Search

CPS and Alumni Foundation will provide the costs to hire a search firm. Steve researched the two firms Gabe Lofton recommended to us at the November meeting. Both firms could start as early as January. Steve shared sample profiles from other schools. We discussed timeline and the process, including interviews, background checks and when it would be feasible to get an offer out.

Steve introduced expanding stakeholders and making a committee for the search. Each department will nominate someone to represent for a total of 21 representatives. The committee will spend time with search materials, decide on time table and search firm. That group will have the most exposure to the candidates presented by the search firm. The search committee will meet in Feb after reviewing and scoring the initial pool of candidates. They will narrow the pool and present these to the LSDMC.

Meg suggested a member of the support staff be added to the list. Adam suggested two students be on the committee. A discussion followed and it was decided to add a support staff and two students: one student chosen by student congress and the other chosen by counseling/teachers. That brought the committee member number to 21.

Terrence made a motion, Laura seconded, and it passed to approve the process: To form a Principal Search Committee (PSC) to be charged with conducting a national principal

search and that will recommend several candidates for the LSDMC's consideration. The PSC will have 21 total members that represent the following constituent/stakeholder groups:

Walnut Hills Faculty and Staff

Teaching Faculty-chosen by department

English (1)

Math (1)

Science (1)

Social Studies (1)

Foreign Language-Latin/Modern (1)

Fine Arts-Art/Music/Drama (1)

Physical Education/Health (1)

Instructional Support Staff (1)

Total 8

Guidance-chosen by department (1)

Assistant Principal-chosen by assistant principals (1)

Other School Staff-chosen by that staff (1)

Total 3

Students-chosen by student congress and teachers (2)

Parents-chosen by Parent Board (3)

Alumni-chosen by Alumni Foundation (3)

Community-chosen by Alumni Foundation (2)

Total 10

Grand total 21

Other Business

No other business was discussed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Next meeting will be Jan. 12 at 6:00.