

# Walnut Hills High School

## Local School Decision Making Committee Meeting

October 19, 2017

### **Attendees:**

The following LSDMC members were in attendance: Steve Baker, Laura Stith Deck, Ayn Spieser, Cassandra Veals, Brian Sweeney, Mitch Perdrix, Joe Stewart, Kathy Restle, Kendall Young, Nuha Syed, Meg Dietz, Rich Coleman. (Joe Stewart and Kathy Restle will represent the administration positions for the Principal Search). They will also alternate administration representation for LSDMC.

Open Meeting Attendees: Jerron Gray

### **Minutes:**

The minutes from the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were adjusted to correct the adjournment time to 8pm. Mitch moved to approve the adjusted minutes and Joe seconded. Voting was unanimous. The minutes were approved.

### **LSDMC Membership:**

Discussion of Article III, Section 5 of the District LSDMC Guidelines regarding Community representation on LSDMC. Decision was made to reach out to the Evanston Neighborhood Council for input regarding how best to access community candidates. Rich, Steve and Terrance will put their names forward to the Council for endorsement.

### **Priorities:**

LSDMC will follow outline for LSDMC responsibilities regarding the long range plan. This will be discussed at the November LSDMC meeting.

LSDMC representatives (to be decided at a later date), will meet with the District and School Board to outline and narrow the committees goals and responsibilities.

### **Principial Search:**

Steve and Debbie Heldman, met with Assistant Superintendent Bill Myles regarding Principal compensation. Changes were made to increase the step six and step seven secondary principal salaries by 2% and make candidates eligible for a stipend going into the 2018-2019 school year.

A motion was put forward by Kathy Restle as follows: LSDMC will be involved with no Principal Search activity until present Interim Principal has been evaluated. This evaluation will be completed by December with guidelines compiled and applied with further engagement of School Executive Connect, the outside Principal Search consultant, District Stakeholders and LSDMC. The motion was seconded by Laura. Vote was unanimous. The motion was approved.

### **Enrollment:**

Discussion moved to the November meeting.

**ILT Report:**

Mental Health/Community; Julie Cathy had been added for an additional day each week to be available for the students with emotional issues.

The first of 4 Information Sessions for parents was held discussing social media.

**Principal Report:**

Mr. Chambers attended the District LSDMC meeting. He confirmed that he has secured the time increase for the School Psychologist Julie Cathy to three days each week and discussion is still in the works for a full time non-academic Counselor. This position will be for a non-licensed person with the experience to help students handle stress and anxiety issues at school.

PSAT testing took place with over 1400 students. Maria Horn, the testing coordinator handled a very difficult task successfully.

Mr. Chambers met with the Evanston Block Watch to support the Evanston Revitalization Project. He assured them that students are instructed to respect the neighborhood and limit parking to Campus areas. Mr. Chambers identified some of the posted "No Parking" areas that have had to be established with signs.

Prospective WHHS Open House scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-4pm.

Joseph Beth Author's Series has been very successful thus far, with the attendance for John Green standing room only. Scott Kelly will be coming in November.

Advanced Education Data Review shows that 1423 students demonstrate as "Gifted". This creates a challenging problem for the school report card as these students have a narrow margin for improvement. Mr. Chambers has communicated to ODE that Walnut will meet the "Gifted" requirements mandated by the state but will be unable to absorb the demonstrated lack of growth.

Mental Health: Mr. Chambers continues to meet with Stakeholders to address the Mental Health needs at Walnut and in the district.

No Additional Business was presented. Kathy moved that we adjourn and it was seconded by Brian. Voting was unanimous and we adjourned at 7:30pm.