

WHHS LOCAL SCHOOL DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE

MARCH 15, 2018

6:00PM

MINUTES

Attendees: Mitch Perdrix, Joe Stewart, Beth Ormsby, Meg Dietz, Steve Baker, Kendall Young, Cassandra Veals, Terrance Poole, Laura Stith

Minutes: Beth Ormsby moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Mitch Perdrix seconded. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

ILT Report: Mitch Perdrix gave the ILT report.

- *A new Discipline Policy was approved.

- *ILT passed black out days for academic competitions and field trips for the 2 weeks before AP exams. Athletics are exempt.

- * Code of Conduct was voted to go to Staff and Faculty. This includes a change in language for a simplified dress code and Study Hall behavior.

- * ILT discussed an after school accountability system which may include color coded passes based on activity and dismissal plan.

- * Team Teaching for all 7th graders with a three teacher teams was discussed. The pilot for this approach has been successful. The goal will include team teachers having the same planning bells.

- * The Honors Program will be doubled in size to include 180 students. This will help accommodate students taking unique classes that are only offered once or twice daily. Logistics are still being discussed.

Student Report: Kendall Young reported that Prom is scheduled for April 14th and Senior Sendoff may need rescheduling because of AP exams. The Student Lead walk-out was successful. No students received disciplinary actions because of class time missed. Students will be meeting with Mr. Chambers to go review the event and subsequent actions and direction the students will take regarding the topic of Gun Violence in schools.

Administrative Report: Mr. Chambers was unable to be at the meeting so the report was given by Steve Baker.

- *Late Start continues to be fiscally prohibitive.
- * A discussion was opened regarding the current level of stress and issues regarding mental health of the school community and what could be done to correctly assess and address issues. These issues seem to be reaching what was decided to be “at crisis level” by the members of LSDMC. These include but are not limited to:

- *Device Policies
- *Enrollment
- *AP Limits (enforcement of policy)
- *Class Rank (management of expectations)
- * Possible change to Modified Block Schedule
- * Homework (quantity vs quality)
- * Mental Health Resources and Communication

Steve Baker moved that the LSDMC establish appropriate task force(s) to research and recommend priorities to address the Mental Health Climate at Walnut Hills High School to include but not be limited to the above issues. The task force(s) will include all stake-holders of WHHS and will be decided during the April meeting.

This motion was seconded by Beth Ormsby and passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: There was no additional business to discuss and the Steve Baker motioned that for the meeting to be adjourned. Joe Stewart seconded and the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

