

WHHS LOCAL DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE

APRIL 19, 2018

6:00pm

ATTENDEES: Ayn Spieser, Steve Baker, Joe Stewart, Mitch Perdrix, Beth Ormsby, Kathy Restle, Rich Coleman, Meg Dietz, John Chambers, Nuha Syed, Laura Stith-Deck

MINUTES: Rich Coleman moved for the March Minutes to be approved without change. Joe Stewart seconded. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

PRINCIPAL REPORT:

Mr. Chambers shared that WHHS was recognized by Great Schools.org. Great improvement was shown in the areas of college preparedness, enrollment and success. Walnut was compared to 814 Public Schools in 9 states.

ACT Scores: 5 students received perfect scores (36), and 5 students received 35.

The baseball team played at Great American Ballpark and a student hit a Grand Slam. Walnut won the game.

Air Testing is underway. The District Tracking shows that 5000 tests have been taken here at school. The closest comparison for tests administered is 1000.

Frosh, the Twilight Ball and Prom have taken place. The Twilight Ball was one of the largest 7th and 8th grade dances ever, with 650 students attending.

Mr. Chambers is meeting with Ms. Bryant, District Customer Service Head for CPS in an attempt to get information regarding admission that is sent to families moving into the district clarified. Families receive a "Probationary Enrollment Letter" which they are interpreting as guaranteed enrollment to Walnut once they arrive in the district. He is seeking a change to the letter to clarify that the student is eligible to enroll if there is space. March 22d is the last day for enrollment at WHHS. Mr. Chambers is also seeking support from the Superintendent's office on having firm guidelines for late admission.

Graduation will be May 24th from Crossroads Church in Oakley. Senior Sendoff will be the 18th because of AP Exams.

The back to school process will be changed starting next year. All students will sign the Accepted Use Policy for devices every year. Registration and Forms will be online for parents to

complete. The first 3 days of school will have dedicated time set aside for orientation, pictures, Handbook Review and organized "School Culture" activities.

Team Teaching passed ILT. Teams will consist of 90 students and be for Social Studies, English and Latin.

Robotics went to Detroit for the World Competition Qualifying Meets.

STUDENT REPORT: Nuha Syed reported that Class Elections were being held April 20th and that the Chalk Drawings were scheduled for April 27th.

Band is raising money for Uniforms.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Student Mental Health continues to be a priority for LSDMC.

Issues regarding the use and effectiveness of the current Study Hall Policies were discussed by Beth Ormsby. Concerns include quiet space availability, devices, mental rest, and consistent policies for behavior.

Beth Ormsby moved that LSDMC will form a subcommittee to explore best practices for improving Study Hall and its impact on the students. The motion was seconded by Joe Stewart and the voting was unanimous. The subcommittee will update LSDMC at the May meeting.

Mr. Chambers discussed the stressors surrounding Class Rank. Further discussion is planned and we will consult with CIC and Guidance.

Steve Baker moved that the LSDMC and Administration explore discontinuing class rank. The motion was seconded by Joe Stewart and the voting was unanimous. The motion passed.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: There was no additional business so Steve Baker moved that we adjourn. Rich Coleman seconded it and the voting was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

