

**WHHS LOCAL DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 15, 2018**  
**6:00pm**  
**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

John Chambers, Rich Coleman, Joe Stewart, Kathy Restle, Mitch Perdrix, Beth Ormsby, Meg Dietz, Brian Sweeney and Laura Stith Deck.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES:**

Rich Coleman moved that the April Minutes be approved with the correction of the meeting time to 7pm. John Chambers seconded. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

**LSDMC EVALUATION FORM:**

The committee completed the 2018 LSDMC Evaluation Form. Laura Stith Deck will process the submission of the form to CPS.

**VISION STATEMENT:**

The committee finalized the wording of the Walnut Hills High School Vision Statement as follows:

**The Vision of Walnut Hills High School is to provide a qualitatively different learning environment based on a tradition of academic excellence and social responsibility to develop intrinsically motivated, collaborative learners who approach their education purposefully and creatively by taking ownership of their academic experiences.**

Mitch Perdrix moved that the members present vote on the wording and a copy be provided to those not in attendance by email for their input and vote. The statement will then be provided to the school community for input and approval. Joe Stewart seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The motion was approved. A copy was sent to the remaining committee members via email and the vote was unanimous. The wording of the vision statement was accepted by the committee.

**LSDMC MEMBERSHIP:**

The membership for the 2018-2019 LSDMC was discussed. Brian Sweeney, Beth Ormsby and Mitch Perdrix have all reached their term limits as representatives of the certified staff. Francesca Bownas-Rayburn, Lisa Brokamp and Brad Smith were put forward as potential members. Meg Dietz has reached her term limit for the Non-Certified representative position. Staff voting will take place before the September meeting. Community/Alumni positions will also be reviewed and filled before the September meeting.

**MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE:**

The LSDMC addressed some of the mental health issues concerning the staff and students of WHHS. Beth Ormsby suggested that the staff involvement in the every other month faculty meetings might be better served by having small focus specific groups. Each group will represent a Project Team with a goal that they would develop. The goal would then be met by the end of the school year. The groups would be responsible to report what project area they would be

working on what the impact it would have on the school community. They would also be required to report the movements toward meeting the goal at specified intervals to the LSDMC. The goal would be that through thorough data collection regarding the area of concern, changes could be suggested to the ILT and LSDMC to improve the school environment.

Study Hall Update: Brain Sweeney and Beth Ormsby reviewed some of the suggestions collected by the Study Hall Subcommittee. Ideas included grade specific Study Halls with the attending teacher also represent a same grade level subject. Also decreasing the number of students in each study hall.

Based on the input from the College Information Center, WHHS Association, and the Instructional Learning Teams the LSDMC believes that the class of 2019 should be the last class to have Rank associated with the GPA upon graduation.

Meg Dietz made the motion that Class Rank not be a measure applied to our Graduating Seniors beginning with the class of 2020. The motion was seconded by Mitch Perdrix. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

The District has approved a position for a full time Non Load Bearing School Psychologist that will work with a drop in and scheduled appointment structure to meet acute care needs and support the wellbeing of struggling students. Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health will continue to have a therapist at Walnut. This position will continue to be supported by insurance and United Way fees.

Mr. Chambers provided regarding the ACT most recent ACT scores. 4 Seniors and 3 Juniors received perfect scores of 36. 5 students received a score of 35.

Senior Signing, AP Testing and Senior Send-Off are scheduled for this week.

#### **ILT REPORT:**

ILT has not met.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

There is no additional business. Rich Coleman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Beth Ormsby seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.