

Walnut Hills High School
Local Decision Making Committee Meeting

April 18, 2019

6:00 PM

Agenda

Attendance: J. Chambers, A.Morgan, B. Smith, F. Bownas-Rayburn, L. Brokamp, E. Wright, Z. Williams, L.Stith Deck, A. Cabrera, R. Graeter, S. Nelson, T.Poole

1. **Approval of March Minutes-** motion to approve Graeter, second- J. Chambers
2. **Later School Start Time** (Jilda Vargas- Adams and Dean Beebe)
 - a. Board of Education passed proposal to every CPS High School student to start at 8:30 AM or later with a three year transition plan, specifically to address transportation. Board members meet tomorrow with the Superintendent to determine the administration's stance. As far as next year, not sure what is happening yet.
 - b. WHHS start time will be pushed back to 7:45 AM (per Mr. Chambers as stated on CPS website), all high schools who start before 8:30 AM have been adjusted somehow.
 - c. CPS is looking at optimizing the routing for the Metro bus service.
 - d. Melanie Bates and Carolyn Jones voted no against the proposal (board members).
 - e. Z. Williams expresses concern about extracurriculars and athletic schedules. Stith Deck asks Vargas-Adams what her goal for our committee was.
 - f. Vargas-Adams said she would hope there would be a letter drafted from the LSDMC supporting the decision.
 - g. Committee was not prepared to support this without discussion. Due to full agenda, Stith Deck and Chambers table the discussion and letter writing for the agenda for the next meeting.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. *Mental Health Update*
 - i. J. Chambers additional GCBH therapist working 2 days a week until she builds up case load. Three full time and one part time. She currently has a list of 15 families she will be servicing. Space is still an issue. Some parents have brought up the issue of including dental/vision in the building.
 - ii. This building is not a Community Learning Center and this proposal was not included in the renovation.
 - iii. Working towards including a wellness tab on the website and information in newsletter.
 - iv. Stith Deck brought up State of the School address, and parent concerns that were voiced during that meeting.

- v. Chambers hopes parents understand what resources are available, and also that we need to take the pressure off of students (multiple AP course, Honors etc.).
- vi. S. Nelson interested in determining how parents can get more informed regarding this idea.
- vii. Z. Williams states that student group met and discussed informing parents at Orientation.
- viii. J. Chambers we need to determine limitations.
- b. *Enrollment Update*
 - i. J. Chambers- No changes since last meeting. Starting open enrollment phase of the school's enrollment. District employee students (out-of-district) offered spots first. Then open up to public.
- c. *Class Rank (see bottom of minutes for discussion re: determining class speaker at graduation)*

4. Principal's Report

- a. Last week State of the School Highlights
 - i. ACT: 2018 25.6 average score; 2019: 17 perfect scores, scores for all subgroups based on race and ethnicity have increased (gap-closing), 23 students with a 35
 - ii. AP Results: 2018- 934 students take course, 2019- 985 students take AP courses
 - iii. 22 National Merit Finalists
 - iv. New courses
 - v. Professional development mental health training for staff (ACES and QPR) based on faculty feedback
 - vi. Student Initiatives

5. ILT Report

- a. Passed a plan for PSAT schedule day
- b. Passed the calendar for conference dates etc.
- c. Field trip policy for 7th grade teams
- d. Discussing August PD Day
- e. Follow up to mental health survey
- f. Ethnic Studies AA designation

6. Student Report

- a. First week of Eagle Buddies
- b. Prom (700 tickets)
- c. Class elections and results come out tomorrow
- d. Approved for honor cords for seniors for seniors.
- e. SSC update- Mrs. Dietz and Mrs. Updike
 - i. Working to speak with Jennifer Wagner

7. Community Report

- a. Alumni Meeting
- b. Working on purchasing houses for land

8. Parent Report

- a. Informal discussion regarding class rank and parents are supportive of LSDMC decision

9. Other Business

- a. 2018-2019 District wide LSDMC Meeting Schedule
 - i. Wednesday, 4/24/2019 6-7:30
- B. Next WHHS LSDMC meeting: Thursday, May 16th
- C. Other- Submit framework and ideas within one week of next meeting.

10. Adjournment 8:16 PM

**Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Thomas**

Academic (60%)

Cum Laude Calculation- not limited to 20%

*GPA (weighted) only WHHS courses

*AP Classes

National Merit Semi-finalist

National Achievement Scholarship Program

AP Scholar

Cum Laude

Academic Honors (Honor Roll)?

AP Capstone Diploma

Academic Awards based on MFL exams

Service/Extracurricular (40%)

Club Officer

Club Member (consistent attendance- progressive point balance as deemed by the faculty advisor)

Student Congress Officer

Class Officers

Musical

Athletics

Marching Band

Orchestra

Choir

Student Helpers (per advisors)

Peer Tutoring

Student Ambassador

Nut House Member

Chatterbox

Yearbook

Eagle Buddy