

Walnut Hills High School
LSDMC Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2021

Attendance: John Chambers, Jessica Smitson, Ashley Morgan, Lisa Brokamp, Francesca Bownas-Rayburn, Judy Neff, Sylvia Nelson, Laura Stith Deck, Monica Mitchell, Melanie Mitchell, Dillon Vorherr

Not in attendance: Brad Smith, Terrance Poole

- **Call to order**
- **Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes:**
 - Motion to accept John Chambers, seconded by Ashley Morgan
- **Principal's report**
 - We've had multiple activities take place in the building
 - Academic Quiz Team met for an in-house competition, which was nice to see
 - Finishing up textbook and supply distribution for the second semester this week
 - One more test session:
 - 175 kids test, no scores yet
 - The number of kids bringing in for testing is a little lighter to allow for social distancing
 - Added three additional test dates through March and April
 - To allow for students taking the test for the first time and those that will retake the exam
 - We have lost a total of 64 students since the beginning of the year
 - **Return to Walnut**
 - Board meeting information
 - A/B blended model
 - Begin on February 15
 - A-L and M-Z
 - Remote day for all students on Monday
 - A group (T/W) B group (H/F)
 - FoS Committee; Operational and Instructional teams will meet tomorrow, Friday, 01/22/21
 - We will share with faculty on Monday at Faculty Meeting
 - Logistics:

- We have 4 temperature machines (students will need to go through both the temp check machines and through the metal detectors to enter the building)
 - 7th graders never in the building before? **Parent concern**
 - Quality of instruction and concerns with what the students will learn with the blended model? **Parent concern**
 - Far less instruction time, plus to have kids in the building, but there will be less instruction due to A/B schedule: Monday will be remote (A and B), in-person Group A (T/W) or Group B (Th/F), and asynchronous on Group A (Th/F) or Group B (T/W)
 - Student Congress President, Student Body will be drafting a letter and sending it to the Board; also a survey has been going out and results will be shared at the Board meeting
 - 8th grade students taking highschool classes, if 9-12 begins on February 15 and 7-8 begin on March 1, students will miss out on instruction for those two weeks
 - Possibility of bringing everyone in on March 1 (7-12) will allow for 7th graders to have an opportunity to get in for an orientation to familiarize themselves with the building
 - Originally mandatory 6ft. social distancing, but lowered to 3ft. to accommodate a Walnut return
- **ILT Report**
 - ILT meets on Wednesday 01/27/2021
- **Student Report**
 - Concerns about instructional time
 - Lunch will be eaten in the 4th bell classroom
 - How will study halls be run?
 - Cafeteria? The auditorium and cafeteria will be utilized
 - Early Dismissal or Late Arrival allowed?
 - What you need to know before your return to school!!
 - Make sure to post expectations on Schoology, instructional time, schedules, and details
 - Make things very clear:
 - Hallways
 - Bathrooms
 - Stay after school
 - Arrival and Dismissal and how that looks and timing
 - What if I am sick?

- Bathrooms? Concern for cleanliness: make sure there is soap is full and hand sanitizer is available
 - Still a lot of questions from the senior class as far as admissions. "I don't know what happens after I apply to schools" and start helping juniors while there is time.
 - Talk with the counselor during assigned time slots would be nice
 - If a student sends an email to their counselor please cc grade level administrator
- **Parent Report**
 - Canceled the January meeting so parents could attend the Board Meeting
 - Parent Equity Committee met and will have a meeting on Zoom on February 9
 - Definitions of racism, equity and diversity
 - Breakouts and discussion
 - Hope is to roll out to entire community by the end of the school year
 - A lot of myths around COVID and COVID vaccination, if district or health partners can provide some information that might be helpful
 - A lack of communication coming from Walnut.
 - John, your Eagle Flyer letter may get lost and reaching out and sending a letter may be helpful to communicate with parents, they don't feel they are being heard
 - Robocall? ACT and PSAT testing phase is coming up and we will start back on T/Th Robocalls on a weekly basis
- **Community Report**
 - None
 - Difficult situation for everyone; such value to be with their peers, but also grieve that instruction will be cut short; grieve that seniors have not had a "normal year"
- **Old Business**
 - FAQs on remote learning program - published online?
 - Published online, but months later and it had lost momentum
 - Proactive in communication
 - Distinguished Scholar Application shared by Ashley Morgan
 - Mr. Chambers will select committee for Distinguished Scholar
- **New Business**
 - What does Blended Learning look like for Walnut?

- **Adjournment**

- 7:00pm motioned by Richard Graeter and seconded by John Chambers

[Distinguished Scholar Letter 11.19.19](#)

[Distinguished Scholar Application 01.21.21](#)