

**Walnut Hills High School  
LSDMC Committee  
Minutes  
March 18, 2021  
6:00PM**

**Attendance:** Richard Graeter, John Chambers, Ashley Morgan, Jessica Smitson, Francesca Bownas-Rayburn, Lisa Brokamp, Judy Neff, Sylvia Nelson, Terrence Poole, Laura Stith Deck, Melanie Mitchell, Dillon Voherr

**Guests:** Julie Vernon, Marissa Albright, Ei, Michelle Martinez

**Not in Attendance:** Monica Mitchell, Brad Smith

1. **Call to order**
2. **Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes**
  - a. Motion John Chambers, Second Francesca Bownas-Rayburn
3. **Discussion of District's return to 5-day instruction plan**
  - a. Going to have Town Hall meeting this evening at 7:30pm
  - b. Are there any questions?
    - i. What did we decide about broadband?
      1. District providing concurrent learning, live streaming and provide synchronous learning (similar to (Hyde Park Algebra class)
      2. OWL, camera follows the teacher, has a microphone and video capabilities
        - a. Students in person and those remote will be able to learn together and interact during lessons
      3. Walnut is the only school doing the pilot of the OWL for potential use for all schools in the district
    - ii. Five day return
      1. Currently 158 students have committed to remote learning for the remainder of the school year
    - iii. Plans and processes:
      1. Temperature checks and metal detectors
      2. All students walk to the right out of the classrooms and one way stairwells
      3. Staggered arrival and dismissal times
      4. Lunch will be on campus

- a. 6ft. Social distancing for lunch
  - i. Outside for nice weather
  - ii. Inclement weather (gyms, cafeteria, forum, and classrooms (10 students max)).
  - iii. All students will eat at the same time
- iv. Teachers considering leave: currently 3 teachers
- v. Do you need any help from parents?
  - 1. We appreciate the offer, but this point we want to ensure we have only students and employees in the building to allow for proper contract tracing
- vi. Percentage of teachers who have been vaccinated?
  - 1. 70% for the district
- vii. How will the 7th graders know where to go on the first day of school?
  - 1. Signs posted around the school campus to find classrooms
  - 2. Orientation for first three days of school (March 31-April 2)

#### **4. Principal's report**

- a. Return to school plan
- b. Communicate with parents that we are having graduation at 5/3 arena, graduates are only allowed 2 guests (UC guidelines)
  - i. Total capacity (students, parents, and staff) total ~1650
  - ii. Graduation will be live streamed for family unable to attend
- c. Sidenote: Shroder HS had to shut down to an outbreak with just juniors and seniors in the building
- d. Per the Governor, people 16 and over will be eligible for vaccinations at the end of the month
- e. Next year's budget needs to be approved by LSDMC (new business)

#### **5. ILT Report (Brad Smith not in attendance)**

- a. Clubs versus interest groups
- b. Library Interview Committee was approved
- c. PBIS Update: We currently have a PBIS approved Matrix for in-person, remote, and blended learning models
- d. AP tests, students may opt out of testing this year, with prior notification
- e. Staffing budget

#### **6. Student Report**

- a. Dillon Vorherr
  - i. Excited to go back, poster boards, seniors decorating
  - ii. Recap for years at Walnut
  - iii. Last week and shot some video tours for new students, currently editing in iMovie

## **7. Parent Report**

- a. Judy Neff
  - i. Chairperson of the Equity Group, first meeting March 9 and second April 13
  - ii. 13 people in attendance
  - iii. Hoping it continues, as this year is her last year as a parent
  - iv. Three alum spoke and they said they had hope that Walnut had changed since they were there
    - 1. Their hope is that Walnut students/community become better allies to our minority families
- b. Sylvia Nelson
  - i. A parent had a concern about the WHHS Honors program revisions
  - ii. Thank you to administration for all that's been done to get us back in the building

## **8. Community Report**

- a. Richard Graeter received the COVID vaccination, he downloaded the Armorvax app, and highly recommends the vaccine to all that can get it

## **9. Old Business**

- a. We do have a list of students that will receive invitations to apply for a Distinguished Scholar Speaker

## **10. New Business**

- a. Budget
  - i. General budget is based on per pupil allocation for projected enrollment, next year 2650 students
  - ii. If enrollment is over projected enrollment (420+ 7th graders) our general budget will be revised for the per pupil allocation and increase our budget monies
  - iii. Motion to approve Terrence Poole, Second Sylvia Nelson, all in favor
  - iv. Mental Health Services in our budget?

1. Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health is not funded by Walnut, but through billing insurance for student clients
2. They will increase the support based on need
- v. Full time nurse?
  1. Yes, Mary Jo Rose, RN
  2. Has a plan for students who may be exhibiting symptoms to report to the isolation room
  3. Students with symptoms will be tested with a COVID consent form
    - a. Tests will be administered at school and results received by 6am the following day
- b. Appointing a Lead Agency
  - i. We are looking to do that next year, begin RFP process this summer
  - ii. Lead Agency is a conduit to bringing resources into the building, to support the school's mission and vision
  - iii. Alumni Association will be able to hire a liaison between the Association and the school, working for the school to align resources
  - iv. This is part of the process to support us becoming a Community Learning Center

## **II. Adjournment**

- a. Motion John Chambers, seconded by Richard Graeter