

Walnut Hills High School
Local Decision Making Committee Meeting
December 16, 2021
6:00 PM via Google Meet
Minutes

Attendance: John Chambers, Laura Stith Deck, Ashley Morgan, Jessica Smitson, Francesca Bownas-Rayburn, Brad Smith, Terrence Poole, Cathy Reidy, Sandra Oprea, Sylvia Nelson, Julia Berman

Guest: Mary Wineberg

Not in Attendance: Lisa Brokamp, David Knapp

1. Approval of November Minutes

- a. Motion to approve minutes by Francesca Bownas-Rayburn, seconded by John Chambers; motion carried
- b. On Schoology? Updated as of the last meeting in November

2. Old Business

- a. Anti-racism Committee - Update and identify LSDMC reps for this committee
 - Which LSDMC Reps want to serve on that committee? Sandra Oprea and Francesca Bownas Rayburn
 - Students ask that we have a presentation during class meetings on January 13 and 14 so all students have an opportunity to participate.

3. New Business

- a. LSDMC initiatives for 2021-22
 - We need to streamline communication. We have a lot of communication that goes out, but it is posted in various places.
 - 1. WHHS website
 - 2. Grade Level Google Sites
 - 3. Robocalls
 - 4. Under the Dome
 - 5. Eagle Flyer
 - a. Programming for students that are not taking majority AP courses
 - b. Fact sheet when kids option (advantages of AP course, CCP course, courses that satisfy college admissions requirements)
 - c. Career Tech Program offerings?
 - Should we send out a survey to ask for the top 3 ideas from the stakeholders?
 - Monitor enrollment
 - 1. Entrance requirements
 - Motion to focus on communication as our LSDMC initiative this school year made by John Chambers. Seconded by Jessica Smitson. Motion carries.

4. Principal's report

- a. Enrollment: 2739, down 90 students from last year
 - IOWA test has given us some insight.
 - 1. Students need to learn how to study.
 - 2. SSC is working on teaching kids study skills, organization, time management, etc.
- b. Increased participation in AP program, generally 2600 exams (5 year avg) roughly 1200 kids taking one AP exam. The total number of students: 985 (2018), 1127 (2019), 1178 (2020). Our initiative to open the opportunity to more students is working. 83% of students who took an AP exam scored a 3 or better.
- c. November open entrance exam session 136 students, 60 students passed (140 composite with 65 minimum)

- Average score of 64 in math and 75 in reading
 - This group was not a CPS administered test, but for any student (open enrollment and non-cps in district students)
- d. Construction will begin soon. Entrance to Lot D will be changed starting next Friday.
 - We will lose two rows of spaces to allow for the new driveway to the side of the tennis courts brick wall.
 - We will gain two additional spaces (grassy areas by gravel lot in lower Lot D) will be graveled for parking
- 5. ILT Report**
 - a. New courses added: Astronomy course, Journalism course, and Ceramics course
 - b. PD day for January 10
 - c. Make-up exams for students were out this week to take exams during the week of January 4-7.
 - d. Class meetings January 13-14
 - e. Winter Pep Rally
 - f. ILT
 - 6. Student Report**
 - a. Pep Rally
 - b. Post-it notes of encouragement on all lockers last Friday night for students to see as they enter on Monday
 - c. Adopt a Family
 - 7. Parent Report**
 - a. Concerts: happy to be back and have our students performing
 - b. Exams have not brought as much tension.
 - Excited to get projects in and feel accomplished.
 - c. Projects and portfolios allowed students to develop study skills for specific classes, as opposed to focusing on EXAM week. Much better development of skills to be carried forward.
 - 8. Community Report**
 - a. Alumni meeting using Jonathan for parking if necessary
 - 9. Other Business**
 - a. 2020-2021 Districtwide LSDMC Meeting Schedule (6-7:30p - **Meetings are via Google Meet during the pandemic. If pandemic ends, meetings are at the CPS Education Center (2651 Burnet Avenue) in the Mayerson Banquet Room**)
 - Wed 2/23/2022 - All current LSDMC members
 - Wed 4/20/2022 - All current LSDMC members
 - b. Other?
 - Google Form out to LSDMC members to collect forms of communication used by members
 - 10. 2021-22 remaining Meeting Dates**
 - a. 1/20/2022
 - b. 2/17/2022
 - c. 3/17/2022
 - d. 4/21/2022
 - e. 5/19/2022
 - 11. Adjournment**
 - a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Laura Stith Deck 7:26 pm