Walnut Hills High School Local Decision Making Committee Meeting

October 13, 2016 7:00PM Minutes

<u>Attendees</u>

The following LSDMC members were in attendance: John Chambers, Mitch Perdrix, Rich Coleman, Terrence Poole, Laura Deck, Meg Dietz, Brian Sweeney, Beth Ormsby, Kendall Young, Adam Sela, Emily Bond, Jeff Brokamp and Steve Baker.

Bylaws

Terrence moved to approve bylaws. Laura seconded. Passed.

Student Handbook

The handbook needs updated. Brian brought this to the Oct ILT meeting so teachers can look over and see what needs changed (i.e. Handbook requires students to get a C or better in summer school, but there's no consequence if it doesn't happen).

Enrollment Update

We are at a saturation point now with 2880 students. It is critical that ILT, Alumni, LSDMC be on the same page as to how to handle school enrollment. An important factor in keeping enrollment down is we currently have a seven bell day allowing students to take extra and enriching classes that aren't offered at most schools. It also allows for 2 plan bells for teachers, critical for quality instruction.

There is not current policy that says WH can limit enrollment. CPS has discussed opening a WH Annex; board has discussed increasing seats in existing number of schools e.g. Clifton Cultural Arts for Fairview.

Discussion followed about various ideas for managing enrollment.

School Day

If start times are to be changed we will need to move on it soon. John Chambers will gather information and bring recommendations to November or January meeting.

Principal's Report

Jeff announced he will retire at the end of this school year. LSDMC will be charged with partnering with CPS to look for a new principal. We will conduct a needs assessment and then look for an applicant. Steve will contact the assistant superintendent's office for our next steps.

Long Range Plan

Steve brought up the need for a long range plan. The Alumni Foundation is meeting with Mary Ronan to make sure we will have a say in what happens in our own school.

Student's Report

Homecoming was successful and council is beginning to plan for prom. Adam reported he is gathering information for a revised honor code that includes responsibilities for students, teachers, and administration.

Evanston Community Report

There was no Evanston Community Report.

Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.