

# Walnut Hills High School Local Decision Making Committee Meeting

October 18, 2018

6:00PM

Minutes

Present: Laura Stith Deck, John Chambers, Jessica Smitson, Lisa Brokamp, Cassandra Veals, Francesca Bownas-Rayburn, Adrian Cabrera, Rich Coleman, Sylvia Nelson, Esme Wright, Zuri Williams, Brad Smith

## 1. Approval of Minutes 9/20/18:

- Motion to approve by J. Chambers, seconded by L. Brokamp
- Review May 2018 minutes (technically minutes could not be approved as only 2 members of the committee from that meeting were present at tonight's meeting):
  - Vision statement presented
    - ILT charged LSDMC to revise Vision Statement
    - LSDMC made motion to take to ILT to be vetted and rolled out to faculty for a vote
  - Recommendation to eliminate class rank beginning with c/o 2020
    - Class rank has negative impact on students chasing their rank
    - Class rank is not as crucial for admittance to colleges as in the past
    - Many HS in the nation are going away from class rank
    - Slim difference (tenths and hundredths of points on GPA) between top 25-30 students

## 2. By-laws:

- CPS Board By-laws prefer that all LSDMCs have the same By-laws
- Section II has many points aligned to Community Learning Centers (CLCs) that do not apply to Walnut
- WHHS By-laws need a revision to better align with CPS By-laws
- Revisions recommended: Article II.4 (remove), Article II.16 and 17 (change Resource Coordinator to read coordinator of resources, Article II.20 (remove), Article III.4 (strike last sentence)
- Chair will type up revisions for approval at next meeting

## 3. End of Year Evaluation

- No questions/comments just keep in mind this is something we need to complete at the end of the year

## 4. State Report Card

- "A"s in all categories except progress. We are improving; last year we had a B in gap closing and this year an A.
- Currently 1300+ students designated as "Gifted". This designation does not go away once it is assigned, nor is it identified as "Gifted" in a specific area.
- Each department will get a binder with scores for each student
- Having data will provide targeted data that will identify areas for interventions

## 5. WHHS Mental Health Services

- Susan Flowers, previously employed through Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health, but now employed by CPS and placed at WHHS as a Mental Health Specialist for WHHS students-more of a crisis point person
- We've had only Susan Flowers in the building for the last 60 days and no replacement for her former position offered to WHHS from GCBH and no contact from GCBH.
- GCBH therapist started on 10/17/18
- WHHS plans to draw up a needs assessment for additional mental health resources. Once we have needs assessment Mr. Chambers and Ms. Flowers will involve Mindpeace to talk about additional resources that may meet our needs
- New Mental Health Club started this school year
- Student supports: Susan Flowers, counselors, Student Success Center, and Mental Health Club students

## 6. Principal's Report

- Boogie Bash, the junior high Halloween dance is tomorrow, 10/19/18
- Marching Band is performing at Lucas Oil Field on 10/19/18
- National Merit - 19 students commended and 24 semi-finalists

#### 7. ILT Report

- Schedule E \$18,000 budget difference, \$11,000 more in our budget
  - Schedule E is budget for extracurricular clubs, teams and coaches
  - All Schedule E items received a 2% raise this year
- AP Chinese approved
- Departments have been given the opportunity to choose their professional development
- Teacher Allocation Committee Meeting determined the need for a 0.6 English position for 10th grade English
- Moving some students (less than 15) from 8 CP classes to 8 Honors.
  - Chosen based on GPA (students 180-200) on the list reviewed for recommended students

#### 8. Student Report

- Security Issue (metal detectors) has gotten better
- There are many club that have been added this school year

#### 9. Community Report

- Alumni is trying hard to fill position (1 open spot) for Community Members Reps
- Legacy of Excellence is coming up

#### 10. Other Business

- Online training for LSDMC members at noon, Friday, Oct. 19 (will be recorded and posted later)
  - Log in to: <https://bluejeans.com/449940162>
- 2018-2019 District-wide LSDMC Meeting Schedule
  - Wednesday, 11/14/2018 6-7:30pm
  - Wednesday, 2/27/2019 6-7:30pm
  - Wednesday, 4/24/2019 6-7:30pm
- Next WHHS LSDMC meeting: Thursday November 15, 2018
- Other?

#### 11. Adjournment: 7:44 pm