

MSAB Site Council

Thursday, September 9, 2021 2:00 PM

Electronic Means, 615 Olof Hanson Drive, Faribault, MN 55021

1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

3. **Reports**

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Strategic Planning Committees

B. MSAB Director

C. MSA Board Representative From MSAB Site Council

D. Student Body Government

E. Wellness Committee

F. Site Council Chair

4. **Old Business**

5. **New Business**

6. **Committee Work**

A. History Committee

7. **Announcements**

8. **Adjournment**

Minutes of MSAB Site Council

The meeting of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Site Council was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021, beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Chair David Tanner, Superintendent Terry Wilding, Director John Davis, Rian Copeland, Jeffrey Peterson, Crystal Bauer, Abby Winters, Scott Berglund, Tori Andres, Jennifer Pelletier, Tim Aune.

Co-Officio Member: Special Ed Director Brittany Thomforde, Communications Director Kim Barron.

Members Absent: Vice Chair Sheila Koenig, Jessica McBurnett, Ken Trebelhorn, Michele Baldeshwiler.

1. Welcome and Roll Call

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Rian Copeland, seconded by Tim Aune to approve the April 1, 2021, MSAB Site Council meeting minutes. Motioned was carried with all in favor.

3. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

- We recently had a mid plan review. We received feedback from various groups through survey's and forums. That information has been collected and the Steering Committee has made adjustments and additions. The plan is not set in stone, it is a living document, which means it can change moving forward. Discussed the five goal areas:
 1. School Climate
 2. Student Life
 3. Instructional and Assessment
 4. Statewide Visibility
 5. Transition

We will be creating committees for our strategic plan. Members and committees will be selected at next month's meeting.

- Legislature – waiting to hear on state budget decisions. Will know more after May 17.
- Construction projects and renovation going on this summer. We will also be evaluating the pool situation to see if it can be repaired.
- Covid Update – Follow our safety plan for the upcoming school year. All staff and students will be back on campus.

- Lola Brand will be retiring. Kim Barron will be our interim Executive Assistant for the summer months, which will allow us time to evaluate both positions.

B. MSAB Director

- Graduation will be held on May 28 at 9:00 a.m.
- Our Extended School year is July 12-23. The last day to apply is May 7.
- Wrapping up state testing. Test results will arrive mid-August.
- We are on our third year of the Assistive Technology project, which is sponsored by MN Department of Education. Mr. Scott Berglund has been a great resource and leader of that group, we thank him. Even though the work with MN Department of Education will be ending, we will continue with our work.

C. Director of Communication

The quarterly newsletter will be one cumulative issue at the end of June.

D. MSA Board Representative from MSAB Site Council

No report given.

E. Student Body Government

Working on annual end of year awards.

F. Wellness Committee

No Report Given.

G. Site Council Chair

- Think about which committees you would like to be on for our strategic plan.
- What can we do together as Site Council members to help administration, parents, and staff? Looking for feedback.

4. Old Business

- Homecoming Discussion – Thank you to staff and parents who have stepped up to help. Please let Michele Baldeshwiler or Jenny Pelletier know if you are interested in volunteering.

New Business

- A motion made by Abby Winters, seconded by Rian Copeland to nominate Sheila Koenig as Vice Chair. Motion was carried with all in favor.
- Policy #751 – MSA Library Collections Management.
- Policy #904 – Distribution of materials by non-school persons.

Policy #906 – Community Notification of Predatory Offenders.

5. Committee Work

- History Committee
 - Our senior class photos have all been scanned at the U of M and the prints are here. They will be archived, assembled, hung and labeled soon.
 - Museum room has been painted.
 - Next is hanging slatwall board for hanging pictures and displays.
 - The history committee is planning a “School Spirit” display to be ready by Homecoming.

6. Announcements

- None.

7. Adjourn

- A motion made by Rian Copeland, seconded by Crystal Bauer to adjourn the MSAB Site Council meeting. The motion was carried with all in favor.
- The MSAB Site Council will meet on September 9, 2021 at 2:00 pm.