

## **MSAB Site Council**

Thursday, February 10, 2022 2:00 PM

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

1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

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## **Minutes of MSAB Site Council**

The meeting of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Site Council was held on Thursday, January 6, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

### **Member Attendance**

Chair David Tanner – present  
Vice Chair Sheila Koenig – present  
Jeffrey Peterson – present  
Abby Winters – present  
Tim Aune – present  
Rian Copeland – present  
Michelle Baldeshwiler – present  
Harold Weber – present  
Arianna Hanson – absent  
Craig Hern – absent  
Kristin Oien – absent  
Jessica Hoffer – absent  
Christy Hanson – absent

### **Ex Officio Members**

Superintendent Terry Wilding – present  
Director John Davis – present  
Special Ed Director Brittany Thomforde – present

## **Welcome and Roll Call**

### **1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Rian Copeland, seconded by Sheila Koenig to approve the December 9, 2021, MSAB Site Council meeting minutes. Motioned was carried with all in favor.

### **2. Reports**

#### **A. Superintendent's Report**

- Working on new calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. There will be a meeting next week with the personnel committee. We have gotten opinions based on the survey that was previously sent out. We will be developing 2-3 different drafts, which will be sent out along with another survey.
- Legislative sessions – governor has not proposed the bonding bill as of yet, however, we are still in contact and have some meetings set up. Hopefully in the next couple weeks, we will have more answers and the governor will make recommendations to the legislature.
- Health and Safety Plan edited – vaccinations and quarantine periods. Announcement will be coming soon.

- Board Members – we have two positions at this time, the term will be ending in January. The first position is our chair, which is currently held by former Superintendent, Marty Duncan, who has reapplied. The second position, member with business, administrative and financial skill set, which is currently held by Benga, has also reapplied. However, we do have two additional candidates for the business position. Need to set up interviews for candidates.

#### B. MSAB Director Report

- Discussed the World's Best Workforce Report. The WBWF has five components:
  1. **Kindergarten readiness.** The proposed goal for 2020-2021, MSA will continue to assess all new early childhood students at their enrollment in the Academies as a data point to ensure students are making age-appropriate growth. Results were that MSAD had five new ECE enrollments during last school year, each student was assessed prior to enrollment, progress monitoring took place, goal was met. New proposed goal for next year is 80% of our ECE students will meet the goals outlined in their IFSPs and IEPs in regards to social and emotional needs, social readiness, self-help, language and communication.
  2. **All 3<sup>rd</sup> graders can read at grade-level literacy.** The goal was 75% of students in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade would score a 188 RIT on their spring NWEA-MAP reading assessment, we have no 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, we did not participate. Per state mandate, no standardized tests were administered in the spring of 2020 and MSA did not administer the NWEA-Map reading assessment in the Spring of 2021; goal not met. New proposed goal for next year is to look at both the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and get 80% of them to score a 188 RIT on the spring NWEA-MAP reading assessment.
  3. **Closing the achievement gap.** The goal is to look at the standardized tests, IEP goal & objective completions and increase IEP testing accommodations on an individual basis to all access to state and district tests. Last year, we had 1,042 goals, which takes place across the year. We are going to look at both goals met and adequate progress for our goal. We had 105 goals were met, 774 students showed adequate progress towards those goals, and 162 there was insufficient data. IEP goal progress for the 2020-2021 school year was at 74.3% and adequate progress at 10.1% for goal met, this put us at 84.3% of goals in progressing in the appropriate rate of completion. We were looking at 80%, we met our goal. Next year, we will be looking at SWIS reporting, which is program that looks at behaviors that get reported. We will also be looking at IEP goal completion to look at the whole child development and growing social and emotional needs. Goal is to have 85% goal completion and get a baseline on the student SWIS reports.
  4. **College and Career Readiness.** The goal is 80% of MSA transition age students will meet their IEP goals/objectives in the area of transition planning. Total of transition goals for students grades 9-12 were 125, out of that 17 had met their goals, 83 had shown adequate progress, and 25 had insufficient data. For the

2020-2021 school year, 65.9% made adequate progress, 13.6% met their goals, for a 79.5% total; goal not met. New proposed goal will explore targeted areas under transition planning; construction, related services, community participation and employment with the goal that each area will have an 80% completion rate.

**5. Student Graduation Rates.**

**MSAD:** In 2016-2019, MSAD had 47 graduates, representing a 100% graduation rate.

**MSAB:** In 2016-2019, MSAB had 18 graduates, representing a 100% graduation rate.

Goal is the MSA will continue to have a 100% graduation rate, including students who attend our Academic Plus (18-21) program. Last year, we had 100% graduation rate; goal was met. Last year, MSAB graduated five students and MSAD graduated six. Our proposed goal is that we will continue to have a 100% graduation rate, including students who remain in school pass the age of 18. An exit interview will be conducted to see where students are going and what their plans are.

- A motion was made by Rian Copeland, seconded by Abby Winter to endorse the findings of the World's Best Workforce report. The motion was carried with all in favor.
- Choir and Rock Band winter performance was held this morning.

C. MSA Board Representative from MSAB Site Council

No report given.

D. Student Body Government

No report given.

E. Site Council Chair

- Need to establish a group to work on homecoming for next year.
- Council members decided not to interview Marty Duncan for the board position, as he is the only candidate.

3. Old Business

None.

4. New Business

- Homecoming dates – September 26-30, 2022. Homecoming will fall under the School Climate committee.
- Terry discussed board applicants. Will need to set up at date and time that works for both site councils to interview candidates. Must have quorum.

5. Discussion & Announcements

None.

6. Adjourn

A motion made by Rian Copeland, seconded by Tim Aune to adjourn the MSAB Site Council meeting. The motion was carried with all in favor.