

MSAB Site Council

Thursday, March 10, 2022 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

3.A. Superintendent's Report

3.B. MSAB Director

3.B.1. Site Council representatives needed to attend the March 30th Board meeting to join the work sessions on enrollment and school climate.

3.C. MSA Board Representative From MSAB Site Council

3.D. Student Body Government

3.E. Site Council Chair

4. Old Business

5. New Business

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment

7.A. Committee Work

Minutes of MSAB Site Council

The meeting of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Site Council was held on Thursday, February 10, 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 – absent
Tim Aune – present
Rian Copeland – present
Michelle Baldeshwiler – present
Harold Weber – present
Arianna Hanson – present
Craig Hern – absent
Kristin Oien – absent
Jessica Hoffer – absent
Christy Hanson – present

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 Tim Aune to approve the January 6, 2022, MSAB Site Council meeting minutes. Motioned was carried with all in favor.

2. Reports

A. Superintendent's Report

- The Board's special meeting, which was held last week, approved to move forward with the Friday schedule change. Beginning on Friday, February 18, students will be excused at noon for the remainder of the year. This will allow more prep time for staff, collaboration work, and help to reduce their stress. This change is one of the many ways we can support our staff through this long-lasting pandemic, and indirectly support the quality of instruction for our students during the school week. An afterschool program will be offered for those students who are unable to stay home independently.
- We will be replacing the HVAC heating and cooling systems in the MSAB dorms. This will help assist with the quality of air. We are hoping completion will be done before summer school.
- Monitoring of Covid, rates are starting to drop. Staff and students are remaining in the classrooms. The number of positive and quarantine cases have reduced.

- Congratulations to our “Employees of the Month” for the months of December and January, which include Jennifer Voegele, Lee Jones and Alison Aubrecht. We will continue with the program, each month going into the spring. Nominations can be done online.
- 2022-2023 School Calendar – getting close to having a final draft. Will be posted in the board packet in a couple weeks.

B. MSAB Director Report

- Discussed the HVAC project in the MSAB dorms. Will be starting in Brandeen.
- State testing season – we will be doing our statewide testing, which includes the MCA, MTAS and ACT in April.
- Wrestling – tournament held on January 26 & 27 in Illinois. Competitors did well and showed good progress from the start of the season.
- Goalball – upcoming tournament at MSAB on March 5. This will include our players, Kansas, South Dakota, and possibly Iowa. The following weekend, our players will be going to South Dakota. The tournament will be livestreamed so we can minimize who is on campus to the teams.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on March 18, students will dismiss at 12 noon that day. Spring break will be held March 21-25.

C. MSA Board Representative from MSAB Site Council

No report given.

D. Student Body Government

- Gopher pride continues. Students are excited to save up their slips for prizes.
- Working on making t-shirts and making a logo “with a cool saying” for our school.

E. Site Council Chair

No report given.

3. Old Business

None.

4. New Business

None.

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.