

MSAD Site Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 4, 2023 2:00 PM
Electronic Means

1. Welcome and Roll Call

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

3. Old Business

3.A. Member Attendance

3.B. Election of New Chair/Vice Chair

3.C. Update on Interviews of MSA Board Member
Candidates

3.D. World's Best Workforce

3.E. Mascot Discussion

3.F. Parent Directory

3.G. Parent Survey Results and Future Parent Surveys

3.H. Strategic Plan Wrap-Up and Progress Report

3.I. Naming the New Security Corridor/Educational
Complex

4. New Business

4.A. Advertising with Reagan in Rochester

5. Standing Reports

5.A. Policy and Procedure Review

5.B. Superintendent's Report

5.C. Directors Reports (Anne Grace, Brittany, Jody,
Ryan J, Ronda, Lance H, Ryan Smith-Hastings)

5.D. Other Reports (Student Body Government, Morale
Project, PBIS, Wellness Committee, Site Council
Board Rep, Site Council Chair)

6. Announcements

7. Future Meeting Dates

8. Adjournment

9. Strategic Planning Committee Work - Summaries/Recap



MSAD SITE COUNCIL – Draft Minutes

Location: Online - Zoom Meeting

Date: December 7th, 2022

Member Attendance

- Mike Provancha (Parent) - present
- (Parent) - vacant
- Amber Hamilton (Student) - present
- Dannika Rivera (Student) - absent
- Kali Bissell (Teacher) - present
- Laura SkyQuest (Teacher) - present
- Mike Adams (Residential) - present
- Sabrina Hubmer (Paraprofessional) - present
- Alison Aubrecht (Support Services) - present
- Kim Viskocil (Shared Services) - present
- (Alumni) - vacant
- Jay Marking (Deaf Community) - present
- (Deaf Community) - vacant
- Riss Leitzke (Deaf Blind Community) - present

Ex Officio Members

- Terry Wilding (Superintendent) - absent
- Anne Grace Donatucci (Director) - present
- Ryan Johnson (Director) - present
- Jody Olson (Director) - present
- Ronda Jo Donatucci (MSA Student Life Director) - present
- Brittany Thomforde (MSA Director of Student Support Services) – absent
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Athletic Director, Ryan Smith-Hastings, and Director of Community Engagement, Lance Hall, attended as well.

1. Welcome and Roll Call - Laura called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Kali Bissell was welcomed as the new ECE/Elementary Teacher Representative replacing Lance Gonzalez. Lance was thanked for his service on the Site Council.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Mike A made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes. Mike P seconded the motion. The motion was carried with all in favor.

3. Old Business

- **Member Attendance** - Current vacant positions on the Site Council are the 6-12th grade parent representative, the alumni representative and the Deaf community representative. Please encourage others to apply.

4. New Business

- **Joint Site Council Interviews of MSA Board Member Candidates** - Members were asked to watch for upcoming emails regarding MSAD/MSAB joint Site Council meetings in January to interview candidates for the following Board positions.
 - **Superintendent Member** - currently vacant - 2 applications
 - **Deaf Community Member** - vacant as of Jan 2nd - 2 applications
 - **Special Education Director Member** - vacant as of Jan 2nd

- **World's Best WorkForce Report** - Mandated by MDE, school districts are required to identify clearly defined goals and benchmarks for all student groups, along with a process for evaluating students' progress. Anne Grace shared this report with the Site Council. On December 12th, Anne Grace and John Davis will host a virtual Town Hall to share this yearly report with stakeholders, parents, students, community members and staff. The information will also be posted on our website. Please bring input and feedback so that we can improve our programs and supports for our students.
- **Strategic Planning Committee Reports** - Laura reached out to the Chairs of the five Strategic Planning Committees for summaries of their meetings.
 - **Transition** - Haven't met. Only two members. Wondering if they can transfer their focus to enrollment.
 - **Instruction and Assessment** - Haven't met. Some discussion, but no new ideas.
 - **Student Life** - Need more people and/or a different meeting time.
 - **Statewide Visibility** - Would like to do five virtual open houses again in May, like last year. The new website should also help with statewide visibility.
 - **School Climate** - Have three areas of focus; mass communication, mental health and school morale. They are making progress.
- **Parent Survey Results and Future Parent Surveys** - A former Site Council parent representative is asking for the results of last year's parent survey. Mike was encouraged to talk with Terry for more information and possible questions to add to future parent surveys.
- **Parent Directory** - Mike was encouraged to discuss this with Terry as well.
- **Mascot Discussion** - The idea of changing and updating our mascot was brought up. Some individuals expressed concern that the Trojan is represented as a white male and aligned with war and oppression in the past. The idea of returning to the Hilltopper as a mascot was brought up. A discussion was held about the pros and cons of the Trojan. We are the only GPSD school that has a person as a mascot. Should we consider a more neutral mascot such as an animal or an inanimate object? Some felt that the Trojan is part of our history and represents loyalty, leadership, bravery, strength, courage and confidence. The cost of making changes to the gym, uniforms, letterhead, etc. needs to be considered as well. This topic is just in the discussion stage. Members will bring this to their groups and gather feedback.

5. Standing Reports

- **Policy and Procedure Review** - Nothing at this time.
- **Superintendent's Report** - Nothing at this time.
- **Director Reports**
 - **Lance Hall - Director of Community Engagement**
 - Lance and Kim Barron are making good progress on the new website. The tentative launch date is January 3rd.
 - Lance is initiating an MSAD Enrollment Work/Focus Group that will meet and share ideas about growing our student enrollment. Contact Lance if you are interested in joining.
 - December 12th, Anne Grace and John Davis will host the virtual World's Best WorkForce Report Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.
 - December 13th, Terry will host a virtual Community Forum for naming of the MSAD New Safety/Security Corridor at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Ryan Johnson/Jody Olson - Directors**

- The Winter Festival will be held December 16th, at 9:30 a.m. It is open to the public and will also be live streamed.
 - First semester will be ending in January. Some changes are being made to the 6-12th grade courses for second semester. This will be communicated when finalized.
 - Without Covid restrictions, we've been able to do more activities and host more events. Robotics class has been an exciting addition.
 - Our ongoing goal is to improve communication. We are open to feedback and suggestions.
- **Other Reports** - Nothing at this time.

6. Announcements - Laura announced that she is resigning from the Site Council effective today. Vice Chair, Mike Provanca, will assume the position of Site Council Chair. A new Vice Chair will need to be elected. Thank you to Laura for her service.

7. Future Meeting Dates:

January 4, 2023
 February 8, 2023
 March 8, 2023
 April 5, 2023
 May 3, 2023

8. Adjournment - Mike P made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m. Mike A seconded. The motion was carried with all in favor.

9. Strategic Planning Committee Work - Members broke up into their respective Strategic Planning Committees.

- **School Climate** - Chelsea Paulson (chair), Alison Aubrecht, Dawn Hill, Mike Adams, Laura SkyQuest, Jenna Johnson, Kirsten Mulally, Michele Heise, Micki O'Flynn, Kris Wagner, Becky DeGroot, Jessica Rivera, Tabitha Anderson, Jody Olson (admin)
- **Student Life** - Hope Miller (chair), Jennifer Smith-Hastings, Jay Marking, Riss Leitzke, Ronda Donatucci (admin)
- **Instruction and Assessment** - Ryan Johnson (chair/admin), Shelley Gorham, Josh Paulson, Kali Bissell, Anne Grace Donatucci (admin)
- **Statewide Visibility** - Kim Viskocil, Sonny Wasilowski, Shannon Swank, Lance Gonzalez, Mike Provanca, Lance Hall
- **Transition** - Sabrina Hubmer, Brittany Thomforde (admin)