

MSAD Site Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 2:00 PM

Electronic Means

1. **Welcome and Roll Call**

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

3. **Old Business**

4. **New Business**

5. **Standing Reports**

5.A. Policy and Procedure Review

5.B. Superintendent's Report

5.C. Director 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 Meetings**



MSAD SITE COUNCIL - Draft Minutes

Location: Online - Zoom Meeting

Date: March 8th, 2023

Member Attendance

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

Ex Officio Members

- Terry Wilding (Superintendent) - present
- 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) - present
- Lance Hall (MSA Director of Community Engagement) - present
- Ryan Smith-Hastings (MSAD Athletic Director) – absent

1. Welcome and Roll Call - The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - The previous meeting minutes were approved as read.

3. Old Business

- **Member Attendance** - We currently have four vacant positions: 6-12th grade parent, alumni, 6-12th grade teacher, and Deaf community representative. Please encourage others to apply.
- **Elect Chair/Vice Chair** - Mike Provancha has accepted the role of Site Council Chair for the remaining months of this school year.
- **Update on MSA Board Member Appointments** - We've submitted our recommendations to the Governor's office, but have not yet received a response. We still need to fill the Special Education Director position. Please encourage qualified applicants to apply.
- **Parent Directory** - The MSAD and MSAB directories are ready to be shared with organizations.
- **Parent Survey Results and Future Parent Surveys** - The parent survey results were included in Terry's recent Weekly Update newsletter. Please contact Terry if you have any questions.
- **Naming the New Security Corridor/Educational Complex** - This is on hold as the Board has not discussed it yet.

4. New Business

- **Food/Snacks at Holidays, Birthday Celebrations, Events, etc.** - A question was raised about whether we are following the 'USDA Smart Snacks in Schools' guidelines. Our Wellness Policy does not allow sweets, but it is hard to control this when items are brought in from home for special events. Allergies are also a concern. We will follow up on this item.
- **Foreign Language Interpreters at MSAD Sponsored Events** - A question was raised about how foreign language interpreters are determined for events. It was suggested that an RSVP be required. If a need is identified for a foreign language interpreter, the organization can request one.
- **Outreach Discussion** - More questions and conversions are happening about establishing outreach. This is at the conceptual level right now. We need to determine what this would look like, what services would be provided and how this would differ from Lance's position. A discussion was held and ideas were shared. Please send any additional feedback to Terry.

5. Standing Reports

- **Policy and Procedure Review** - This procedure was discussed. Feedback was provided.
 - **Procedure #5200 - Supporting Transgender and Gender-Expansive Students** - The purpose of this procedure is to establish expectations and guidelines for MSA to address the needs and concerns of transgender and gender-expansive students to ensure safe, supportive, and healthy school environments where every child can learn.
- **Superintendent's Report**
 - **Weekly Newsletter** - This has been sent out.
 - **Austria Trip** - The trip to Austria went well. Two students went with and participated in the youth leadership portion of the conference. They met leaders from the international disabled community, attended workshops, presented on a panel about Deaf leadership, did some sightseeing, went to Parliament and listened to a presentation on disability rights. It was a great trip.
 - **Strategic Plan/Accreditation** - The strategic plan is an ongoing cycle that will lead to a new strategic plan for the next five years as we continue making improvements.
 - **Lobby Day** - Students attended and participated in Lobby Day at the State Capitol. MSAD alumni were recognized. MSAD teacher, Michele Heise, received an Education Excellence Award. MSA Board member, Jessica Eggert, received a Community Advocacy Award. Ralph Fuechtmann, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for leadership within the Deaf community.
- **Director Reports**
 - **Lance Hall** - Lobby Day went great. Terry will be attending the MASA conference and we will have a booth at that event. This weekend will be Deafopia. The Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club and the Alumni Association will be hosting booths at this event.
 - **Jody Olson** - In March, our 6th-12th grade robotics classes competed at Alabama School for the Deaf. NTID and a federal grant from Alabama School for the Deaf covered the cost of everything. Our three high school teams competed and, out of 35 teams, one of our teams won it all and won the Best Builder Award. Another team won the Judges Award. Our middle school team got sixth out of 33 teams. This was our first year competing and they did great. It was a wonderful experience for all.

6. Announcements - Nothing at this time.

7. Future Meeting Dates:

April 5, 2023

May 3, 2023

8. Adjournment - Mike A made a motion to adjourn. Mike P seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

9. Review of the Strategic Plan Wrap-Up and Accreditation Self Study - Terry shared information from the Strategic Plan Wrap-Up meeting that was held on March 2nd with the Strategic Planning Committee members. Information was reviewed and accomplishments over the last five years were documented. This will be shared with the Board and the Accreditation team. They will make recommendations for us and then, next year, we will start a new Strategic Plan cycle.

- **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)