

MSAB Site Council

Thursday, February 5, 2026 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.C. MSA Director of Communications

3.D. MSA Board Representative From MSAB Site Council

3.E. Student Body Government

3.F. Director of Curriculum

3.G. Site Council Chair

4. **Old Business**

5. **New Business**

6. **Announcements**

7. **Adjournment**



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Report for February Site Councils.

1. We are starting work on a new three-year strategic plan for MSA. We had 12 stakeholder meetings to gather input from our staff, parents/families, students, and community members. Dave Webb from Homerun Leadership and Annette Freiheit, our board chair, are leading this effort. In March, we will have a review team composed of different stakeholders to review the input we received and work towards developing 3-4 strategic goals with specific action steps for each year. This will be reviewed by the site councils in April or May before the board does the final review/approval in June. If you missed the stakeholder meeting, please share your input via this [link](#).
2. Thank you to those of you who have participated in the calendar surveys. The vote was very close with only a small difference between options. The school operations committee decided to go with the highest vote (37%) and selected option 1. We are currently cleaning up the formatting and will submit their recommendation to the board for the February board meeting.
3. This week, we sent out our annual surveys to parents, students, and staff members. This survey is important for our accreditation efforts so please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Information is used in school improvement/school accountability committees and in department work to improve our school. Your input is very important and please encourage everyone to participate.
4. As for legislative work, the governor recommended 3 out of our 4 requests for legislative bonding funding. The only one that was not recommended was the MSAB library renovation project, but we are hoping that the legislature will fund the 3 requests this time around so we can continue improving our campuses. Our legislative requests this year are:
 - a. MSAD Student Center Pre-Design
 - b. MSAB Pool and Related Improvements Pre-Design
 - c. Asset Preservation funds.
5. I am also meeting with all departments on both campuses to gather information on staff needs and thoughts on our performance as a school. This is an annual check-in to try to improve workplace support and systems at MSA to help us thrive. I will share an update after all meetings have been completed.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great February and stay warm!

MSA empowers every student to achieve, care, and thrive in an ever-changing world.