



Minnesota State Academies Board

Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 2:00 PM
MSAD Site Council Meeting
Electronic Means

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MSAD SITE COUNCIL – Draft Minutes

Location: Zoom Meeting

Date: March 3, 2021

Member Attendance

- Charissa Johnson (Parent) - present
- Dawn Hill (Parent) - present
- Benny Dow (Student) - present
- Dalina Schwartz (Student) - present
- Lance Gonzalez (Teacher) - present
- Laura SkyQuest (Teacher) - present
- Mike Adams (Residential) - absent
- Zach Schaefer (SEPA) - present
- Heather Breitbach (Support Services) - absent
- Kim Viskocil (Shared Services) - present
- Jennifer Smith-Hastings (Alumni) - absent
- Jay Marking (Deaf Community) - absent
- Matt Rademacher (Deaf Community) - present
- Riss Leitzke (Deaf Blind Community) - present

Ex Officio Members

- Mary Cashman-Bakken (MDE) - absent
- Terry Wilding (Superintendent) - present
- Anne Grace Donatucci (MSAD Director) - present
- Ronda Jo Donatucci (MSAD Dorm Director) - present
- Lee Jones (MSAD Athletic Director) - absent
- Kim Barron (MSA Director of Communications) - present
- Brittany Thomforde (MSA Director of Student Support Services) – present

1. Welcome and Roll Call - Lance called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes - Dawn made a motion to approve the February minutes. Zach seconded the motion.

3. Old Business

- Parent Letter - Terry's recent video included an interview with Charissa introducing her as the new parent representative on the Site Council. We will continue to look at ways to engage parents and make more people aware of the Site Council and what we do.

4. New Business

- World's Best Work Force (WBWF) - 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. This yearly report will be shared with our stakeholders at WBWF Forums on March 10th for our parents and community members and on March 11th for our staff. The information will also be posted on our website.

5. Reports

- **Policy and Procedure Review** - Discussion was held and feedback provided.
 - Policy #752 - MSA Museums Collections Management - The purpose of this policy is to establish a clear statement of the purpose and responsibilities of the MSA Museums (one for each academy).
- **Superintendent**
 - Strategic Plan update and feedback - Representatives from various stakeholder groups met to do a mid-plan review of the work that's been done so far, to make sure progress is being made, and to figure out what actions should be taken going forward until 2023. A summary of what's been accomplished since 2018 and what the next steps should be will be shared with parents and community members on March 10th and with staff on March 11th. More information can be found on our website and Facebook page.
 - Update re: Security Corridor - Bids will be arriving soon and an architect will be appointed. From there, a committee will be formed to assist with design plans.
 - Update about legislature - HF1065 - The Governor announced that we would receive a budget increase of \$262,000 for 2022 and \$516,000 for 2023. Terry will reach out to Senators and closely monitor what happens on the Senate side.
 - Update about IT and HelpDesk - Greg Naumann has been hired as our new IT staff member. Please use HelpDesk email requests if you need assistance, keeping it to one task per ticket. Please do not move technology yourself.
- **MSAD Director**
 - Spring Break is coming. Our next Entry Point is March 22nd.
 - Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually on March 12th. Students are encouraged to attend.
 - The Regional Academic Bowl competition was held virtually last week. MSAD came in second and qualified for nationals which will be held in April. Congratulations!
 - Laura and two students were involved with the CEASD Virtual Day at the Capitol. They met with Tina Smith and two of her staff for about 30 minutes. They discussed MSAD and the Cogswell Macy Act. It was a great experience.
 - The March Director's Newsletter was sent out. Spring activities are still being discussed and will be shared as plans are made.
 - Discussions regarding the 2022 international trip have begun.
 - Two weeks ago, Lee began providing some after school clinics for our elementary pods featuring a variety of sports coached by Lance. There are also strength and conditioning programs for the middle school and high school students coached by Ryan Smith-Hastings.
- **MSAD Dorm Director**
 - Jeremy and Ronda hosted a successful statewide Virtual D/HH Teen Night featuring comedian SOMEDEAFGUY.
 - We are looking at our playground space and how to expand it with more opportunities for games and activities, especially now as our weather gets warmer.
 - We have new ECA Tech Coaches. Ryan Johnson was chosen for the educational buildings and Ty Wilding was chosen for the dorms.
- **MSAD Athletic Director** - Nothing at this time.
- **MSA Director of Communications**
 - The Strategic Plan Town Hall Meeting will be on March 10th. Everything is posted on our website and Facebook.

- Regarding the mobile app, the information is there. It just needs a little more work and will be ready soon.
- Accessibility of our website and materials is being reviewed.
- Because of Covid, many events were on hold, so there is money available to purchase 'give away' items for future events. If you have any ideas, send them to Kim.
- Regarding social media and including students, Kim suggested that a student could potentially film an event for the day, such as Homecoming or other activities.
- **MSA Board Representative from MSAD Site Council**
 - In honor of School Board Recognition Week, members were thanked for their service.
 - Amber Miller and Kathy Hamlin were introduced to the Board.
 - Several policies were reviewed.
 - Matt Rademacher was approved as the new Site Council Deaf Community representative.
 - Members of the Learning Center for the Deaf Activism class reported on their experience.
- **Student Body Government**
 - Students are setting up committees and talking about Spring activities.
- **Wellness Committee**
 - Kim and Kathy are co-chairs. The committee will meet Friday to discuss policies.
- **MSAD Site Council Chair** - Nothing at this time.

6. Committee Work - Time did not allow for committee work.

- **Public Relations**
- **E-Learning** - Lance, Dawn, Zach
- **Diversity** - Dalina, Riss, Laura

7. Announcements - A safety concern was brought up regarding the icy sidewalks earlier this week. A plan is in the works to have salt or sand buckets in the school buildings to use when needed.

8. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.