

MSAB Site Council

Thursday, May 5, 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. Policy and Procedure Review

3.B. Superintendent's Report

3.C. MSAB Director

3.D. MSA Board Representative From MSAB Site Council

3.E. Student Body Government

3.F. Site Council Chair

4. **Old Business**

5. **New Business**

6. **Announcements**

7. **Adjournment**

8. **Committee Work**

Minutes of MSAB Site Council

The meeting of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind Site Council was held on Thursday, April 7, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Present Members

Chair David Tanner – present
Vice Chair Sheila Koenig – present
Jeffrey Peterson – present
Rian Copeland – present
Michelle Baldeshwiler – present
Harold Weber – present
Christy Hanson – absent
Tim Aune – present
Arianna Hanson – present
Craig Hern – present
Abby Winters – absent
Kristin Oien – absent
Jessica Hoffer – absent

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 Sheila Koenig to approve the February 10, 2022, MSAB Site Council meeting minutes. Motioned was carried with all in favor.

2. Reports

A. Policy and Procedure Review

- Terry Wilding discussed the following policies and procedures:
 1. Policy #303 – Academies Administrator (Superintendent) Selection
 2. Policy #743 Petty Cash – (update draft)
 3. Policy #5200 – Supporting Transgender and Gender-Expansive Students

B. Superintendent's Report

- Looking for feedback on weekly updates.
- At the end of the month, a campus climate survey will be sent out to staff and students. At the end of the semester, another parent satisfaction will be sent out.

C. MSAB Director Report

- Spring Concert – May 27 at 10:00 in the MSAB gymnasium.
- Spring Fling – May 12th. Dinner will be served at 5:00 pm, followed by activities.

- Started our statewide testing. A student took ACT last week. MCA and MTAS testing will start in the upcoming weeks.
- We recently had three new students, in the last three weeks, start at MSAB. Enrollment numbers going up. We currently have 50 students, with another prospective possibility.
- First week of May – staff appreciation week. Would like to take a day and do something for staff. Looking for feedback from the school climate committee.
- Lunch table barriers will be removed.

D. MSA Board Representative

- Discussion on helping students, and ways to increase our enrollment numbers.
- Michele shared about providing cookies to staff and students before spring break, as well as some other plans moving forward.

E. Student Body Government

- Designing MSAB apparel. Shirts will be black with gold lettering. The “MSAB” will be in braille, followed by the logo “Not being able to see the stars, doesn’t mean you can’t reach for them”.

F. Site Council Chair

- Encouraged members to get the word out about MSA to increase enrollment numbers.
- Discussed the new braille scanner for iPhone.

3. Old Business

None.

4. New Business

- Homecoming – Kyle Murphy and Levi Welsch volunteered to assist with activities.
- Established a rough plan for the week – will finalize with the committee.
- Still need help finding a speaker.

5. Discussion & Announcements

None.

6. Adjourn

A motion made by Rian Copeland, seconded by Harold Weber to adjourn the MSAB Site Council meeting. The motion was carried with all in favor.