

MSAB Site Council

Thursday, September 8, 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. Superintendent's Report

3.A.1. Accreditation

3.A.2. Goals for 2022-2023

3.A.3. Feedback concerning Communication/Transparency/Decision Making

3.A.4. School Spirit

3.B. MSAB Director

3.C. MSA Board Representative From MSAB Site Council

3.D. Student Body Government

3.E. Site Council Chair

4. Old Business

5. New Business

5.A. Review Open Meeting Law

5.B. Elect Vice Chair

5.C. Complete Oath of Office for new members

5.D. Strategic Planning

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, May 5, 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 – absent
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
Assistant MSAD Director Jody Olson – present

Welcome and Roll Call

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Craig Hern, seconded by Sheila Koenig to approve the April 7, 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 #: 423 – Employee-Student Relationships
 2. Policy #: 426 – Nepotism in Employment
 3. Policy #: 709 – Transportation

B. Superintendent's Report

- We are seeing an upgrade of positive Covid cases on the MSAD campus, which is related to a school activity. We ask for staff and students to continue to use safety precautions. We are continuing to monitor.
- Legislature – not sure where the bonding bill is in the house, have not heard back from the senate. We are hoping to hear back soon and get the money for our dorm projects.

- Some staff will qualify for Frontline Worker Pay. We are still waiting on exact details. Once information is gathered, it will be shared.
- Construction will continue in the MSAB dorms. We will be replacing the HVAC heating and cooling systems. Roof top units will also be installed, having some delays with delivery.
- Unfortunately, we lost some trees on the MSAB campus due to storms. We will be receiving new trees to be planted on campus.

C. MSAB Director Report

- Winding down with our state testing, finishing up with our math and reading this week and then science next week.
- Spring Fling – May 12 from 5:30-8:30 pm in the MSAB gym
- Senior Class Trip to Mall of America – May 18
- Spring Concert - May 27 at 10:00, will be livestreamed
- Awards Ceremony – June 1 at 10:00 am in the MSAB gym
- Graduation – June 3 from 9:00-10:00 am in the MSAB gym
- This week has been teacher and staff appreciation week – has gone very well, staff have been very appreciative.
- Summer School – currently have half current students and half from other districts around the state.
- A+ Program – Career Skills Day, will be doing online as a webinar this year.

D. MSA Board Representative

- There were quite a few students, alumni, parents and teachers that were there to discuss issues going on at the deaf school and how they can be resolved. Part of the board meeting was closed door, due to private student data being discussed.

E. Student Body Government

- Just got our school apparel done. Shirts and sweatshirts 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”.
- Gopher Pride Awards System - awarding students for good behavior. Positive feedback from staff and students.
- Gopher Pride Day – May 19

F. Site Council Chair

None.

3. Old Business

None.

4. New Business

None.

5. Discussion & Announcements

- Director of Community Engagement. We do have a person who will be helping us with our families, school districts, and our outreach to get more of the community engaged in our programs. This individual will be starting May 23 and will be meeting and greeting across both campuses.
- Staff appreciation lunch went well. Staff very appreciative.
- End of the year appreciation gifts for staff and will be assembled.
- Parent newsletter to be sent out next week.
- Michelle Baldeshwiler met with Arianna and Levi about next year's homecoming activities.

6. Adjourn

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