

## **MSAB Site Council**

Thursday, October 6, 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.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**

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, September 8, 2022, beginning at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Present Members:** Vice Chair Sheila Koenig, Jeffrey Peterson, Rian Copeland, Kristin Oien, Harold Weber, Arianna Hansen, Christy Hanson, Sara Vollbrecht, Michelle Baldeshwiler.

**Absent Members:** Jessica Hoffer.

**Ex Officio Members:** Superintendent Terry Wilding, Director John Davis, Special Ed Director Brittany Thomforde, MSAD Director Jody Olson.

## **Welcome and Roll Call**

### **1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion made by Rian Copeland, seconded by Harold Weber to approve the May 5, 2022, MSAB Site Council meeting minutes. Motioned was carried with all in favor.

### **2. Reports**

#### **A. Superintendent's Report**

- Accreditation process this year for the blind school. Will be doing a reevaluation to approve the blind school for accreditation. John Davis and Anne Grace Donatucci will be working together on that process.
- Strategic Plan – 5-year cycle, we are hoping to wrap that up this year and finish work on our strategic plan. Afterwards, we will identify some areas of need.
- Welcome back information – looking for feedback from staff on ideas of what our goals should be for the upcoming school year. A few categories mentioned are as follows:
  - Collaboration – connecting families, communities, and both campuses supporting each other.
  - Communication – communicating with staff and students, as well as families.
  - Enrollment Numbers – increasing class size, more student enrollment.
  - Finances – using our budget appropriately.
  - Social Media – more visible to the community, providing more information to the community.
  - Student Support – how we can support our students.
- Will be meeting with the Executive Committee next week, looking for feedback, what are our top priorities this year.

- Feedback was also received in the following three areas:
  - Communication – better email groups, clear communication, explanation, two-way communication, and more advanced communication.
  - Transparency – how much people want to know and how much time individuals have to review items.
  - How to involve people more in discussion making – what information can be shared.
- New theme – “Bouncing Forward” goal this year is what do we want our program to look like and how can we move forward and progress.
- School Spirit – once a month we will have a school spirit day where staff and students will wear maroon and gold.

B. MSAB Director Report

- Currently 46 students enrolled with a few prospects out there.
- MSAB Homecoming – September 26-30.
- Low Vision Clinic will be held on October 12 at MSAB. Students from Region 9 & 10 will also be attending.
- White Cane Day will be held on October 14 at the State Capital. Holly Nordmeyer will be coordinating plans for our students.
- Scott Berglund was nominated for outstanding teacher of students for the blind and he won. He will be joining us at the annual meeting in Kentucky.

C. MSA Board Representative

No report given

D. Student Body Government

Will be having our first meeting this week to discuss plans for the new school year.

E. Site Council Chair

No report given.

3. Old Business

None.

4. New Business

Homecoming – looking for volunteers. A sign-up sheet will be sent out to staff and parents. The following activities have been planned:

- 9/26 – Poster decorating in homerooms and goal ball in the gym
- 9/27 – Afoutayi Haitian music program
- 9/28 – Minute to Win It game
- 9/29 – Talent Show
- 9/30 – Track and Field

5. Discussion & Announcements

Strategic Plan – discuss continuing with School Climate and Statewide Visibility.

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.