

Lansing High School  
Site Council Minutes  
3 December 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Carla Wieggers called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Members Present: Kelly Penfield, Elaine Belardo, Anne Ehram-Holland, Janelle Moburg, Christy Kotzman, Carla Wieggers, Christina Hoverson, Stephanie Edwards. Also in attendance: John Dalby (Lansing School Board member)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The 5 November minutes were reviewed. Mr. McKim moved to accept the minutes as written, Janelle seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Elaine Belardo provided a brief update concerning the Teacher/Staff appreciation luncheon scheduled for 7 February 2019. She will create a theme and then send out a request via SignUp Genius to the students' families' email to request help and food donations. This will happen after the students return to school in January. John Dalby added that he had recently attended an area School Board Conference that included discussion on teacher recruitment and retention. Community investment is key to helping with morale among staff; he stated that it was nice to see events being planned for high school teachers and staff.
3. Mr. McKim said the new district website was still being worked on and its debut is expected in January 2019. He said it was better to wait to send our site council minutes for posting after the website is up and running.

PRINCIPAL'S TIME:

1. A brief highlight was shared of the Aquaponic lab set up in Mr. Malm's science classroom. This was built with grant money and the department is excited about the opportunities to expand it to include a greenhouse, expansion of science career pathways and cross-curricular implementation.
2. Final Exams will take place in a block-schedule format on 17 and 18 December. Students will have 4 finals on the 17th and 3 on the 18th. The 18th will also be a late-start day (School will begin at 9:05. Teachers will be available during the late start time for students needing help or guidance). 19 December will be used as a make-up day for finals and students will only attend if they have a test to take (no lunch will be served for students).
3. The homework/late work policy has been revised by the administration and teachers and has been approved by the school board for second semester implementation. The changes focus on consequences, communication and consistency to help ensure student academic success. As a general rule, homework will now only be accepted by the teacher until the unit/chapter assessment. Teachers will be updating their syllabi and posting so both students and parents are aware of each class/subject's expectations.

4. The student dress code was also revised under direction of Mr. McKim with the student advisory council. Intent is for implementation for January and for the changes to be reflected in the student handbook.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MyMathLab app was introduced. It is designed to be interactive for practice and support of upper level math classes.
2. Is there a need for a general LHS Booster Club to collaborate for fundraising? Band and Football are a large block of students and have their own booster clubs but other sports teams and clubs are much smaller but still have needs to be met outside of the standard budget. Discussion ensued about fundraiser fatigue in a small community along with limited resources from area families. Also, a central booster club had been tried in the past, but it is difficult to maintain continuity from year to year and find volunteers to maintain the organization. The school district administration is moving to provide guidelines for fundraising. Site Council members are asked to gather input from neighbors and friends about idea of a general booster club.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Mr. McKim to adjourn and seconded by Ann. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next meeting: 4 February 2019 at 6:00 pm in Pride Rock.