

Lansing High School Site Council Minutes

Pride Rock, 4:00 pm, Monday, December 18, 2017

A. **Call to Order / Roll Call** (Attendees: **Parents:** Elaine Belardo, Stephanie Edwards, Anne Ehrsam-Holland, Kelly Penfield, Angela Trowbridge, Carla Wieggers, Laurie Wilk, **Absent:** Emily Kurz, Jeannette Lozenski, Karen Miller, Ariel Cammock; **Staff:** KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation) Faculty Rep/LHS Algebra Teacher Christina Hoverson, LHS PE Teacher Jackie Sells, LHS Assistant Principal Nick Gray, LHS Principal Steve Dike, LHS Social Worker Katie Hess, LHS Guidance Counselor Kristie Wessel.

1. Mr. Dike distributed an Agenda. **Attachment 2.**

2. Ms. Hoverson updated the list of LHS Site Council members. Attendee Sign-in sheet was circulated.

B. **Old Business:**

1. Minutes of the November 20 meeting were reviewed and accepted. **Attachment 1.**

2. Election of leadership for LHS Site Council 2017-18 academic year: **President-** Anne E. Ehrsam-Holland; **Vice President:** Laurie Wilk; **Secretary:** Carla Wieggers; **District Site Council Representative:** Kelly Penfield

3. Site Council-hosted Staff Meal was discussed and set for lunchtime on February 8, 2018.

4. Steve Dike gave update on LHS graduation date, providing information on how often different sports State-wide events could conflict with LHS graduation. Discussion included his projection that there would not be a conflict with the traditional Saturday morning graduation time every year (possibly every 2-3 years) and member concern about whether it is useful for 2017-18 Site Council to make decisions impacting graduation dates over two years in future when actual conflict is unknown at present.

5. Career Cruising demonstration and discussion, as requested by members at Nov. Mtg.

a. Katie Hess and Nick Gray introduced a video "What is Career Cruising?" and explained features of the program that has been the focus during student CCR time each Wednesday. One goal is for students to ask themselves: "What do I think I want to be? What did Career Cruising tell me I was well suited for?"

b. **Parent Portal.** Program can be viewed by parents at Parent Portal. Parents cannot change the student work, but can insert comments. Aspects of the program that parents may want to discuss with their student(s) and ask teachers about accessing at Parent Teacher Conferences:

- (1) Are they populating the "Build My Resume" with their activities for easy future use?
- (2) Which of the up-to-40 different careers does their student feel they may be interested?

(3) Has their student used the "My Course Plan" (course descriptions/prerequisites/background needed to pursue a chosen career)?

(4) Individual Plan of Study (IPS): Eventually, each student will start an IPS as early as 6th grade with the assistance of a mentor. Students have time to explore and seek colleges and/or other training that will support career goals.

(5) Resume Planning (Chronological, Functional, Modified Chronological) will begin Sophomore and Junior years to capture activities, volunteering, work history, awards. Capturing this will support future work/school applications.

(6) Other aspects of the program, e.g., Career Clusters examines level of education needed.

(7) Explore careercruising.com/parent. NOTE: In mid-January, students sent their parents the access code needed to access their careercruising site via the parent portal.

C. Principal's Time

1. Final exams are scheduled for December 15, 18 and 19 with a makeup day for submitting all missing assignments/finals on December 20.

2. Discussion of lessons learned re: Previous Finals Exemption: Was it worth it? Group generally concluded that, although there was a positive effect on attendance, that was outweighed by the negative aspects of bullying and a sense of entitlement by students exempt from exams.

3. Senior Release will begin spring semester.

D. New Business

1. Group concluded that providing lunch was the preferred option. Elaine Belardo volunteered to take lead for this event to be held on February 8 to support Parent-Teacher Conferences. It was suggested by Jackie Sells that pasta and soup should be avoided as they are already being provided by Kayettes. Watch for the Signup Genius for details and sign up slots, location of drop off; please share message with other parents to contribute to the effort.

2. Goals for 2017-18: Steve Dike suggested that the site council consider setting future graduation dates. Background: After LHS solicited feedback beginning in May 2017, the time of LHS graduation was moved from morning to 6:00 PM – May 19, 2018 to accommodate a KSHSAA girls state swim competition that conflicts every few years. Note: Currently LHS is annually scheduled for 3rd Saturday in May. Discussion included the fact that the 2017-18 Site Council changing the start times and dates prior to knowing conflicts is probably not advisable.

3. Meeting Dates for LHS Site Council the remainder of the year, 4PM February 5, March 12, and April 30.

E. Adjournment at 5:18pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Carla Wiegers, LHS Site Council Secretary

