

# LMS SAC Meeting Minutes

## 24 Sep 2020

**ATTENDEES:** Ms Angela West (President), Ms. Irene Larson (Vice President), Ms. Kasey Vaughn (Alternate Secretary), Ms. Cara Kaiser (Faculty), Mr. Kinney James (Faculty), Ms. Nedra Jones, Ms. Ramona Williams, Benjamin Ayres, Ms. Nicole Ahlgrim, Ms. Sabina Bosompem, Mr. Lonnie McGhee,  
*Student Advisory Council representatives:* Pending (President) and Pending (Vice-President)

**ABSENT:** Ms Holly Bostic (Secretary),

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 14:35 by Ms. Williams.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** 28 May 20 Minutes approved.

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

- a. Ms Williams introduced the new members of the SAC: Ms Angela West(President); Ms Kasey Vaughn (Alternate Secretary), Ms Cara Kaiser (Faculty); Mr Kinney James (Faculty), Ms Holly Bostic (Secretary)
- b. Orientation by Ms Williams. See Attached slide presentation. (Atch 1)

### **REPORTS:**

#### **1. Principal: Ms. Nedra Jones (See Atch 2 “Principal’s Report”)**

- a. Current Enrollment: 393
  1. 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 135
  2. 7<sup>th</sup> grade: 137
  3. 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 121
- b. Current Issues:
  1. Mitigation Strategies/COVID 19
  2. Remote Learning/Brick and Mortar
  3. Effective Communication
  4. Thank you LMS Wildcat Families
- c. Upcoming Events:
  1. School Day Pictures-October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>
  2. Sip N See- 8 October 0900, virtual meeting, Topic Google class room and FOCUS to see To Do Lists; 12 Nov 0900- Topic mental health. The October Sip N See will be recorded.
  3. ODAC , 7 October, 1730, Virtual

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Parent-teacher conference: We are still waiting on our request to return to a two-day parent-teacher conference schedule. The answer was supposed to come after the “Area Pacific Council” meeting (Ms. Rapp). But no update was available from Ms Rapp yet, because of COVID-19.
  - a. **24 Sep 20**: Ms Jones reported the request was forwarded to ODAC and DSO level. The ODAC and DSO level forwarded it to DODEA Headquarters. Currently, no reply or feedback has occurred. Parents present requested this item remain open. The members voted and this item will remain open to revisit in the future. One member stated, the request could be, perhaps, resubmitted.  
**(OPEN: Ms. Jones, EDC November 2020)**
  
2. Parent Grade speed: Ms. Macfarlane commented on the impact of assignments being shown in Gradespeed before they are due. Since possible points are included in the calculation as soon as work is assigned, Gradespeed can suggest a student is doing poorly when in fact their work has simply not been graded yet. If the assignments could be due earlier in the week instead of Thursday or Friday, it would at least allow for grading to be completed before the weekend. This impacts the student’s entire weekend and until the assignment is turned in it looks like it was a bad grade. Could the teacher put a notation in gradespeed to show that an assignment was given, but not insert the possible points until work is turned in and grading is complete? This would keep displayed grades accurate. Administration will discuss this with teachers for next year’s process.
  - a. **24 Sep 20** Parents present at the meeting voiced this continues to be an issue even with the google classroom formats. The October Sip N See will include how to see the list of To Do from teacher’s classes. The google classroom helps with assignments, but Gradespeed may continue to be an issue. Gradespeed for math is a weighted point system. The members voted to keep this issue open. The two faculty members will go back and relook at Gradespeed. The parent members will follow their children and see if it continues to be an issue. Member will report back at the next meeting.  
**(OPEN: SAC Members, EDC November 2020)**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **SAC Board for school year 2020-2021**: Ms Williams announced the new members at the beginning of the meeting. **(Closed)**
  
2. **End of Year Report**: Approved by the SAC members. (See Atch 3)

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

1. Ms Vaughn brought a concern from a parent about the number of seats available for student at the cafeteria and courtyard during lunch. The COVID mitigations did not seem to have enough seats for one lunch period, where a higher number of student was present. Both Ms Williams and Ms Jones attend all the lunch periods for this whole week. Both stated all students were seated either in the cafeteria or outside at the tables. **(Closed)**
  
2. Ms Vaugh was wondering if the DSO teachers currently would still be in place after the first semester. Ms Jones reported that we have two DSO teachers and they would return to DSO after the first semester. The teachers currently in virtual will return for second semester. This is information as of today because it could change. **(Closed)**
  
3. Ms Ahlgrim asked about the acceleration date for December. December 10, 2020 is the accelerated withdrawal date for 1<sup>st</sup> Semester. **(Closed)**
  
4. After school activities may begin 5 October 2020. These will be limited to meet COVID mitigation strategies. **(Closed)**

**NEXT SAC MEETING:**

- 19 November 2020, 1430
- 4 March 2021, 1430 (May adjust this meeting date to be before the ODAC meeting.)
- 29 April 2021, 1430

**NEXT ODAC MEETINGS:**

- 7 October 2020, 17:30, virtual
- 2 December 2020
- 3 March 2020
- 5 May 2020

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 15:55

4 Atchs:

- 1) Orientation Slides
- 2) Principal's report
- 3) End of Year Report
- 4) SAC Agenda for 25 Sep 20 meeting

Minutes prepared by:

Irene Larson, LMS Teacher Representative (25 Sep 20)