

Site Based Decision Making Council
August 5, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.
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Present: Bryne Jacobs, Claire Gorski, Sophie Schwab, Whitney Walker, Tim Mitsumori, Bryson Perry, Matt Conrad, Emily Tillett, Katie McKinney, Sally Adams, Katherine Adams

Absence: Scott Emmons

Guest: David Scholl

I. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from 7/15/2021

Mr. Jacobs welcomes everyone to the second meeting of the 2021-22 school year. Mr. Jacobs asked to look over the agenda for approval. Whitney Walker made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and Emily Tillett seconded the motion. Agenda is approved. Bryson Perry made a motion to approve the minutes and Sally Adams seconded. The minutes are approved as presented.

II. Public Comment None

III. School Council Updates

Mr. Jacobs started with having two members introduce themselves since they were not in-person during our first session. Good News Report was presented by Claire Gorski. 1352 Total Number of 1/2 Credits Recovered during Summer Ignite. 15 Students completed their required credits for Graduation during Summer Ignite. 413 Freshman Attended Session 3 of Summer Ignite. Over 300 families from the class of 2025 engaged in our Freshman Parent Workshops.

Then we transitioned to our Monthly Field Trip Report. There were no new field trips to report.

Prichard Committee Family Engagement Update. Mr. Jacobs has asked our committee to sit in on our October meeting and review the results from that survey then. The survey will be returned to our school on September 15th. Mr. Tommy Johnson and English Teacher Holly Yboralla are overseeing this work.

Mr. David Scholl then presented on the Building Update regarding Beeler Lights. All the lights have been installed. Now we are waiting for an electrician to finish the project. There will be four spots on the balcony and then other lights on the side, over-head and lighting in the windows. Everything is LED. There will also be a functioning lighting board, which is a great opportunity for our students.

Mr. Scholl then reviewed the newly released COVID Protocol Update. This has already been

approved by the board. The main takeaways from the Protocol include: masks are required for students and staff, physical distancing was reduced to 3 ft indoors, masks can be removed while eating in the cafeteria and outside, desks do not have to face the same way, desk shields will not be required.

Lafayette still has the air purifiers and UV lighting. We are still going to encourage routine washing of hands, and custodians spraying door handles and other surfaces. Teachers will not be required to wipe down desks. The transition time between classes will be 7 minutes. Most hallways will remain one-way and a few will be two way. Staff will be required to fill out employee assurance of the health form. We will have refillable water bottles to provide students. Field trips will be allowed and after school activities will follow KAHSA protocols. Students will be required to wear masks on the bus. We will still have an isolation room. Students will sit in the same seats at lunch, but will be able to choose their own seat at the beginning of the year.

Mrs. McKinney asked if it gets crowded near the metal detectors. Mr. Scholl reviewed the metal detector routine and explained it does not get too crowded and flows well. Mrs. Gorski also said it does get too congested and the lines do move.

Mrs. Tillett asked if there are strategies in place to remove the masks, stating it may be stressful for some kids. Mr. Jacobs explained that prior to the numbers increasing, the plan was for HS students and staff to have the option of wearing a mask if they were vaccinated and masks were recommended for those who were not vaccinated. However, plans have since changed given the rise of cases in Lexington. He also stated the district is reviewing the daily average matrix and states that "remote learning would only be considered if advised by medical professionals, required under orders from the governor, mandated by the Kentucky Department of Education, or compelled by extraordinary circumstances."

Mrs. Adams asked if we had any compliance issues with masks and if there were plans in place to address any compliance issues. Mr. Jacobs explained that our students come here and do exactly what they are asked to do. Mrs. Schwab also stated the masks were not an issue at all.

Mrs. Tillett asked if they were still going to have VLA. Mr. Jacobs said there still was VLA; however, they are at capacity and there are no other virtual options at the moment.

Mrs. McKinney asked if schools or our schools had many mask exemptions and Mr. Jacobs stated that we have not received many (if any) thus far.

Mr. Jacobs also stated that if a student or staff is vaccinated, they will not have to quarantine if they are a close contact (as of right now).

IV. Policy Review

We then transitioned to our next agenda item, Emergency Response Policy Review; and Emergency Management Plan Update. Mr. Scholl then reviewed the policy. He explained there are a few different parts of the plan and he is working to make the plan more digital. He stated we keep track of the condition of our staff and their health. We also keep track of gas lines and

the geography of Lafayette where we are. We have a master list of our students with special needs and those who need special assistance. After a flooding event, we realized we had some areas we needed to revisit, specifically how we get students in electric wheelchairs evacuated if they are not on the first floor and the elevators shut down. It also outlines general assembly areas and divides the campus up in the event of an emergency. He also reviewed the locations we use if we have to evacuate and how we partner with other schools and transportation in the case of an emergency evacuation.

Mr. Scholl also noted we are required to do many drills (fire, lockdown, severe weather, etc.).

All teachers will be getting new colored maps for emergency evacuation.

Mrs. Tillett asked to clarify the drill section of the Emergency Plan which Mr. Scholl will go back and review. We will update policy and review again for a second reading in September.

We then revisited our Grading Policy Review. There are three categories that make up a student's total grade: 40% are formative assessments, 45% are summative assessments, and 15% include the final exam. Mr. Jacobs explained the benefit of having experience with a cumulative exam like a final exam. AP and Dual credit courses will have different grading practices based on AP standards and the college policies we partner with for Dual Credit.

Mr. Jacobs opened up the discussion to see if anyone had any comments or questions regarding the grading policy. Ms. Schwab noted that the students seem to like the grading policy. Mr. Jacobs also explained we have been hesitant to adopt a fully standards based grading and both Ms. Walker and Ms. Schwab agreed it's imperative we include the formative piece in our grading policy.

Mr. Jacobs will make some reviews to the policy document and we will approve the policy as a second reading in September.

Mr. Jacobs then reviewed the Policy Review Plan and stated he adapted one from KASC. There were no other questions from the committee.

V. Student Handbook Update

Mrs. Gorski reviewed any changes that were made to the Student Handbook. Mr. Perry will publish this on the Lafayette website soon.

VI. Budget and Staffing Update

Mr. Jacobs stated we received our money for this year and we have begun spending it. The initial allocation is \$226,000 and we budgeted for \$250,000. We did over budget slightly but we will be getting more money. Mr. Jacobs has not made any adjustments as of yet, as he does not want to cut specific categories if we need them. Enrollment wise we are looking strong and we may need to add staff due to our enrollment.

Mr. Jacobs then reviewed our ESSER Update and stated that we have had some great new hires join us. The only area we have not yet filled is Science and we may need to do some teacher planning buyouts.

Action Requested: Review; Approval for ESSER Update. The committee approved for teachers' planning blocks to be bought out, rather than hiring part time interventions for Science and Math. Bryson Perry made a motion to accept the motion as presented and Tim Mitsumorri seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion.

Sophie Schwab then made a motion to go into closed session and Whitney Walker seconded the motion. The committee approved the motion. We went into closed session pursuant to 61.810, discussions related to individual employees.

VII. Consultation on Certified/Classified Vacancies

The openings were discussed in closed session.

Closed session ended at 6:58. Ms. Schwab made a motion to end the closed session, and Katherine Adams seconded the motion. Closed session ended at 6:58 p.m.

Katherine Adams made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Gorski