

**Lafayette High School
Special Called Site Based Decision Making Council
January 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

Next scheduled meeting of the SBDM Council will be Thursday, February 7, 2019

PRESENT: Bryne Jacobs, David Scholl, Scott Emmons, Jennifer Watkins, Joanne Trammell, Maria Cahill, Whitney Walker, Sophie Schwab, Sally Adams, Stacy Heilig

ABSENT: Glenda France, Tim Mitsumori

GUEST: Bobby Howard, Meredith Bernhard, Gayla Velonis

I. Beyond the Core: New Course Proposal – AP Seminar

Bobby Howard and Meredith Bernhard presented a new course, AP Seminar that would be offered as an option for Sophomore English. It has a great alignment with our current curriculum and would add a component of inquiry, research, and presentation. Mrs. Bernhard described in detail the 3 components of AP seminar and how each component would enrich the education for our students. This could also be carried over to other AP classes such as Social Studies and ELA and be a great supplement to other fields for real world applications. This would give our students an opportunity to access AP classes earlier in high school. A lengthy discussion followed the presentation. Whitney Walker discussed concern that the addition could have an impact on other department electives. It was agreed that this would also add rigor at the sophomore level. Sally Adams thought this might be a good alternative for students who do not have a love of Social Studies. AP Seminar would be a great alternative.

Timing of proposal allows Bobby Howard to discuss this class on AP night.

Whitney Walker made a motion to approve the class. Sally Adams second the motion. Motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Alice Mattingly
Respectfully Submitted
SBDM Recording Secretary