

Site Based Decision Making Council
December 5, 2019 at 5:38 p.m.
Library/Media Center

Present: Bryne Jacobs, Richard Royster, Scott Emmons, Jennifer Watkins, Whitney Walker, Sophie Schwab, Tim Mitsumori, Stacy Heilig, Kay Hubbard, Sally Adams, Maria Cahill, Bryson Perry

Absent: **Stacy Heilig**

Guest: Stephanie McDermott, Jeanette Smith, Nick Skidmore, Claire Qian, Jade Kidd, Clay Gregory, Joe Gross,

I. Approval of Agenda and Approval of Minutes from 11/07/19

- a. Agenda has been amended New Club Proposal presentations. Richard Royster made a motion and Jennifer Watkins seconded the motion.
- b. Whitney Walker made a motion to approve minutes, and Kay Hubbard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. Public Comments No comments

III. School/Council Updates

LHS was named the Top High School in the district for Sustainability Literacy, Top High School for Wellness, and was named a 3 Pillar Champion for Overall Sustainability and Wellness.

Mrs. Sumner and Mrs. Schoff got a \$10,000 grant for girls and STEM

The library received a \$300 grant for Google's Hour of Code for Library activities

Approximately 100 cards were made in November in the Library for Operation SEND Christmas to military serving overseas.

Lafayette theatre took home their third straight state championship at the KY Theatre Association. Daniel Baesler won outstanding supporting role and Keishaun Butts was named to the all-star cast. They will be heading to Regional Competition.

Mrs. McPherson took 34 students to the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) on November 24-26. Our students represented LHS well. They presented bills on topics such as reducing plastic waste in public schools, redefining non-violent possession class drug charges, and create a "red flag" law pertaining to public middle and high schools. Our delegation was recognized for being well-prepared and modeling appropriate professional behavior. Likewise, our delegation and many of our students earned awards.

Our STLP students competed at regionals for a spot to show case at State. Below are the results: Jack Tattershall was accepted for a spot on the STLP Engineer team at State. This is

a prestigious accomplishment and the first for LHS. Only three candidates in Kentucky were chosen this year. Meiwen Yang competed in the service category with her Common First Aid project and is advancing to the finals at State in April.

Lafayette has been selected by Newsweek as a TOP 5000 STEM School. The full list was published on November 8.

Monthly Field Trip Report was presented.

Beyond the Core – Barriers to AP for under-represented groups: Submitted as a request by Ms. Cahill. Mr. Jacobs reached out to district and this came at a good time. They will be gathering further information on barriers. Ms. Cahill was concerned about the testing site off campus and transportation provided. Whitney Walker shared in the past that F/R status however they cannot get transportation to the test site. Mr. Jacobs will look into buses, however, the district buses will not be an option. Mr. Jacobs will find out how many students we are talking about and then problem solve. We have an additional 130 students in AP classes this year. Mr. Jacobs asked everyone to continue to think of other issues and email Mr. Jacobs with further concerns. Our district office has just purchased a new property, and this may be a possibility for testing location. Mr. Jacobs will continue to work on this issue.

New Club Proposals:

Video-editing Club: Sponsored by Jade Kidd and Joe Gross. Clay Gregory presented his proposal. Clay has a passion for films and what goes on behind the camera. The club will be open to the entire student body. Some of the ideas are being discussed. Also, the club will be self-sufficient, and there will not be any fundraising. The equipment will be donated by Clay Gregory and his parents. The club will work on Freshman orientation video, hype video that promotes LHS, You tube videos, and also work with the Film Club. Adobe software is provided by LHS and also the computers. You tube would be the uploading platform. Mr. Jacobs asked that any video that is a byproduct of the club has to be approved by Ms. Kidd. All topics and end product will go through administrative approval. Mr. Perry added we have additional licenses for the club to use. Ms. Kidd and Clay Gregory has discussed this at length and has agreed to sponsor the group.

Mock Trial Competition Team – Nick Skidmore. A team is a mock judicial process. There is already a case that will be used. Promotes public speaking and confidence. A realistic view of how the legal process works. This will provide a realistic view of students who are interested in law. There are no fees nor fundraising for the students. Jeanette Smith and David Bates have agreed to sponsor the team. Ms. Watkins asked about fees after the first year and fundraising. Mr. Jacobs asked that if fundraising is included, please work with our bookkeeper to make sure all details are met. Mrs. Smith has agreed to be the sponsor and is excited to work with the students. Whitney Walker asked who would be involved in the audition for the team. A team is made up of 12 students.

After having heard both proposals, Mr. Jacobs asked for a motion to approve. Scott Emmons made a motion to approve the Video Editing film club, and Bryson Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Jennifer Watkins made a motion to approve the Mock Trial Club, and Sophie Schwab seconded the motion. The motion carried.

IV. **Comprehensive School Improvement Planning**

Stephanie McDermott shared the process and our deadline is January 1. We are trying to improve our goals and objectives for Lafayette. Our proficiency goal is 73.1 to 75.1 by 2020.

It is important to know that the proficiency number is based on the ACT. This year it will be on the state assessment. We will be piloting more this year. Whitney Walker is part of the state team, and this helps us to understand the standards. We do not have a great understanding from the other areas. We will be comparing on how they do on the ACT to the state testing. We will be asked to look at our gap numbers. We have more students moving here from all over the world and our numbers are growing. We are using our resources in all areas to help with the gap students. One of our Math teachers can speak Spanish and that has been a game changer for our students.

Graduation rate is where we excel. We are always trying to increase our graduation rate. We are trying to reduce our drop-out rate, and increase student course performance at the end of each semester by 5%. Our interventionist have played a huge role in increasing our success and growth.

Specific Academic Indicator: Combination of Science Proficiency and On-Demand Proficiency. These stay the same. In the Fall the district will pilot a new test. Next year, this area will have three areas that will contribute to the score.

Transition Readiness. This increases the percentages of students who are transition ready for career and academic readiness. We are continuing to provide more pathways for student success. In the future, we are close in offering a Pre-med course pathway here at LHS. We are looking for ways for kids to be college credits or career certifications. The district has purchased Mastery Prep for ACT also.

These goals are nonnegotiable. We are reaching goals and objectives. Ms. Watkins asked about our gap students; Hispanic students, Special Ed students, etc. Everything that we do for one gap area, we also do for other areas. Ms. Watkins asked that these gap areas also be included in our improvement goals and objectives. Ms. McDermott will include these groups in our plan. Mr. Jacobs asked a motion to approve. Sophie Schwab made a motion to approve, and Tim Mitsumori seconded the motion. Motion carried. A signature page will be passed around for signatures.

V. Budget and Staffing Update

Ms. Adams put together a budget for our funds and also we have moved up the deadline in spending our money to January 30. Since we last met, we received additional money.

Carry forward money is \$41,310, and this money must be spent this year.

Second month adjustment to our SEC 6 budgets for actual numbers this year and \$28,814 was received in additional funds.

Sec 4 Workbook money. Money not used for additional staffing. We received a second correction to our staffing money is \$171,000. We will also have an additional 30,000 because of clerical changes.

We asked for requests for monies, and Mr. Jacobs shared the total. Total is \$163,000. We currently have 175,000 so we can honor these request and have money left over. One of request was not submitted on time – FACON.

The library request is substantial. We are hoping to update our library here to align with college libraries. Our library is very dated.

Ms. Schoff shared her experiences with taking our students on college visits. What are students are seeing at the college level and also seeing what opportunities the students have at the college level. Ms. Schoff is interested in creating a Maker's Space room. Mr. Perry, Ms. Schoff and Emily Tighe started brainstorming on how we can make the space more flexible and a great opportunity for our students. Also, when LHS goes one to one with a chrome books, the current library needs to be updated. This would include technology updates as well as furniture. A refreshing look for the students and teachers. Mr. Jacobs shared that this was discussed at Budget Committee, and this was so universally accepted. The IL's have such a great support for the new ideas on the library.

Ms. Watkins asked if there was any possibility of industry sponsorship in helping with the space. Particularly if there are specific programs and hopefully they will partner with the school.

Mr. Emmons shared he is in the library every other day and the amount of students using the space is inspiring. Mr. Emmons shared the space is also used by the teachers.

Ms. Cahill asked if students were being involved in planning and choosing the items for the library.

Mr. Perry shared they would like to dissolve the computer lab and add more printing space for students.

Approval for spending \$163100 was requested. Whitney Walker made a motion to approve the spending plan, and Maria Cahill seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Adjourn by Jennifer Watkins at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Mattingly, SBDM Recording Secretary

