

Lansing High School
Site Council Minutes
23 September 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Carla Wieggers called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

New council members were introduced to each other.

Members present: Rob McKim, Alan Phillips, Stephanie Edwards, Carla Wieggers, Jeff Pittman, Erin Foster, Kristie Wessel, Terri Wojtalewicz, Christy Kotzman, Kelly Penfield

Carla provided a brief overview of our meeting style and structure, what the purpose of site council is, how the agenda is set and provided via email, and our goal is to limit meetings to one hour. Additional site council information can be found at:

<https://usd469.socs.net/vnews/display.v/SEC/Lansing%20High%20School%20%28Grades%209-12%29%7Csite%20Council>

PRINCIPAL'S TIME:

Mr. McKim provided his view of the purpose of site council and how he enjoyed the input provided last year. He gave his impressions of his first year as the high school principal. Two major changes that he implemented were updating the school dress code with student input as well as bringing the school's homework policy more in line with what will be expected from students in higher education, military or work force.

Moving into the new school year, growth of the students is the main purpose of the administration, teachers, and staff. He has also started a slogan this year, "We don't do that here." Its purpose is for students to mentor and lead one another by example and correcting inappropriate behavior.

Students should be able to answer the question, "Why are you here?" The students should be invested in their learning process and understand the resources available to help them reach their goals (personal, academic, social, etc.).

At the district level, there are 4 new school board positions open. The dynamics of the board will be changing after the election in November. Christy asked if a candidate for a board position is required to meet certain criteria in order to run. The short answer is no, they must be a resident of the school district.

A brief overview of KESA (Kansas Education Systems Accreditation) was discussed. It is a 5-year process and Lansing is currently in year 3. More detailed information can be found at: https://usd469.socs.net/vimages/shared/vnews/stories/5c25387bdea1c/KS_Dept._of_Ed._KESA_KS_Education_Systems_Accreditation_FACT_SHEET_June_2016.pdf

OLD BUSINESS:

Carla provided an overview of Lansing High School history and an update on a suggested project: An Honor Wall that highlights the academic successes of our 21st Century Learners. Examples to highlight could be National Merit Scholars, Perfect ACT scores, service academy appointments, student council president. The initial cost would be approximately \$3000 and a yearly cost of \$150-400 to maintain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council position voting (Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, District Site Council Rep) was deferred to the next meeting. This gives everyone to get a chance to meet and see a meeting before nominations/selections. Jeff made the motion to defer, Christy seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting dates for the coming 2019-2020 school year were chosen with group discussion:

23 September 2019

21 October 2019

18 November 2019

13 January 2020

23 March 2020

20 April 2020

All meetings will be at 6:00 pm in Pride Rock.

Jeff mentioned that there is state money available to schools for mental health services/programs. He would like to see our group be educated about the process so that it can be leveraged to the benefit of our students when the money becomes available again.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Stephanie, seconded by Terri and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Next meeting: 21 October 2019 at 6:00 pm in Pride Rock