

**Lansing High School
Site Council Minutes
3 February 2021**

Call to Order:

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Teena Barber via Zoom. Members present: Rob McKim, Christina Hoverson, Jeff Pittman, Erin Foster, Erin Cecil, Marsha Jaskowiec, Sharon Burns, Lisa Hope, Stephanie Edwards, Seth Hemker and Christy Kotzman.

Old Business:

The last Site Council meeting took place in January, 2020.

Old business included encouraging AP Placements, Honor wall, KCKCC/Trade school options and encouraging students to follow the Kansas Honors Program.

Nothing new to report on old business.

Principal's Time:

Mr. McKim expressed he was happy about the progress and commented LHS has good kids and good families.

No issues with masks and students were doing what they needed to do. The school has worked through a lot of issues and now has a good handle on remote / in person learning.

During the 1st semester LHS worked with families and was as helpful as possible in regards to students attending in person or remote

The 2nd semester (from February 1st) Families and students were asked to declare and commit to in person or remote learning to help the learning environment.

Small percentage of high school students were flipping back and forth from in person to remote, so the decision to stabilise was beneficial to the learning environment.

Mr. Pittman mentioned a concern because for some kids it's a personal issue

Mr. McKim said parents can call to excuse their student and LHS will understand if there are health concerns and an individual student's situation will be taken into account, so marked absences in these scenarios would not occur.

Protocols for lunch have not changed

Students eat with the masks off

Social distancing at lunch time for 300 students

Any instances of students needing to quarantine is normally due to the lunch room when students are unmasked eating, however, the number of occurrences are low.

Socio-emotional benefits for students eating lunch.

Activities are currently 2 family members per event, but if Covid numbers become more favorable and continue to fall, LHS may look at increasing those numbers

Mr. McKim welcomed any questions.

Mr. Pittman asked about issues with substitute teachers? Mr. McKim replied there have been no issues. Absences amongst staff have not been a problem and if teachers have been sick or absent due to Covid, then teachers are zooming in to teach class and the substitutes are there to help and monitor.

Mrs. Barber commented that there were no block lunches in the 1st semester and was concerned that the 2nd semester was not going well because there was not enough time for students to eat. Mr. McKim said the students have the same amount of time as the previous semester 26 minutes and students get their food within 4 minutes of waiting.

Mrs. Jaskowiec mentioned some students asked to eat in the library due to crowding and health concerns. Mr. McKim replied that LHS will find spaces for students and there are tables situated in areas that can be used if necessary to accommodate.

Mr. Pittman mentioned concerns about students not catching up in regard to all the disruptions Covid has caused and asked if dips in graduation rates are anticipated.

Mr. McKim said a credit recovery plan was in place and kids may need to make up credits in the summer to graduate

Ms Hoverson explained that Fastbridge is comparing LHS with National Standards and hopefully there will be no gaps because teaching has been continuous, which has not been the case in other parts of the country. Students have not missed any teaching blocks and the focus is to get students into school that need the help.

Tests, such as algebra readiness have been given and students did well. Three years of math is required to graduate and hopefully prior intervention has blocked any holes

Mrs. Kotzman asked if there was a difference in grades and test results between remote and in person students. Mr. Mckim said some kids do great remotely due to having support at home and others regard remote learning as there being no school. It is a case by case basis. He mentioned Leavenworth County is overwhelmed with truancy.

Mrs. Barber asked about the AP exams being further behind due to the delayed start of the school year. Mr. McKim said AP teachers are aware and looking at essential areas and extra study may be necessary in advance of exams.

Mrs Cecil mentioned National exams go into mid-June anyway.

New Business:

Mrs. Barber brought up the need to establish dates for future Site Council meetings

There will be 6 meetings a year. The following meeting dates and times were chosen with group discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

March 3rd, 2021

April 7th, 2021

March 5th, 2021

All meetings will be at 5.30pm

Officer Elections

Mrs. Barber, nominated Mrs. Moburg for Chair, seconded by Mrs. Kotzman. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McKim nominated Mrs. Burns for Co-chair, seconded by Mrs. Jaskowiec. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Barber nominated Mrs Jaskowiec for Secretary, seconded by Mr. Mckim. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Hope was unanimously elected to be the Site Council representative for the District Site Council meetings that are held once or twice a year.

Ms. Hoverson mentioned there is currently a hold on the accreditation process and USD 469 is in year 4 of 5.

Goal Setting

Mrs. Barber asked Site Council members to think about goals and submit ideas to Mrs. Jaskowiec for future discussions.

Mr. McKim said questions can turn into action goals.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Mrs. Barber, seconded by Mr. McKim and the motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6.28pm

Next meeting will be March 3rd, 2021 at 5.30pm