

## **LHS SITE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 @ 5:30PM

Meeting Held via Zoom

### **1. Call to Order at 5:33PM**

\*Roll Call - Rob McKim, Erin Cecil, Sharon Burns, Christina Hoverson, Stephanie Edwards, Janelle Moburg, Marsha Jaskowiec, Lisa Hope, Christy Kotzman, Kristie Wessel, Erin Foster

### **2. Approval of Minutes** from February 2021 meeting: Motion to approve by Lisa Hope and seconded by Christy Kotzman. Approved unanimously.

### **3. Old Business:**

- Future Site Council meetings for the school year will remain April 7 and May 5 via Zoom at 5:30. State requires 4 meetings a year (which will be met) and by-laws require 6, but did not consider Covid. Decided against the June meeting.
- Officer elections were reviewed and it was confirmed that Lisa Hope agreed to represent LHSSC at the District Site Council meeting.

### **4. Principal's Time:**

- Covid numbers are going down in the county. District will maintain current safety protocols for winter sports to include players and spectators. Spring sports starting soon and outside event protocols are still being reviewed. Mask mandate will unlikely change, but we may allow more spectators due to being able to maintain more safe space outside.
- Graduation is scheduled for June 5 with Covid safe plans for outside or inside (due to weather). Graduation date will not change due to prior family planning, regardless of the outcome of the School Boards vote to shorten the school year. Vote will take place at the School Board meeting on March 8th.
- Prom is scheduled tentatively for May 22nd and will take place in the school building. Administrators will make the decision in mid-late April. Must consider whether outside dates will be allowed and if we can utilize the courtyard. Tickets would be sold about three weeks prior to the event.
- Staff received 2nd Covid vaccination on March 3rd. Mr. McKim is grateful to the Leavenworth County Health Department for putting USD 469 staff high on the priority list. Thursday, March 4th will be a remote learning day. There may be many staff out due to reactions/illness from the 2nd vaccine.
- Janelle Moburg asked why the basketball players are only allowed 4 tickets per player when KSHSA said they will allow 50% capacity. Mr. McKim said their first priority is the game to include the players, the band, workers, etc. This limits the capacity in our gym. Each school has their own plan, but ours is pretty typical for

the area. Janelle asked if that could be conveyed to the players, so they may understand the limit.

- Janelle Moburg asked about OpGrad (after graduation event) this year. Mr. McKim stated that he is not aware of any plans for an event this year. This event is not run by the school, but by parents of Seniors. The school's focus is on the actual graduation event. At this time, if a parent decides to pick up this event, they may not have early access to the building this year (like they did last school year). They would need to make all the arrangements and then discuss building use with Mr. McKim. They did not do the usual Bunco or other fundraising events this year. There have been Junior parents that have already approached Mr. McKim about next school year.

#### 5. **New Business:**

- Mr. McKim would like parent feedback on the March Parent Teacher Conferences. Would like Site Council members to listen and solicit information from parents after the conferences this year. This will be discussed at April's meeting.
- The enrollment process was discussed and what can be done to improve the process for Freshman, especially with the AP level courses. Kristie Wessel agrees that the students could use more information on these courses. Also, Pre-AP will change to "enrichment" next year. Kristie would like students to understand the amount of time that each of these courses requires. She stressed that it's not always necessary to take all the AP courses, especially if you are in band, sports or other activities. Mr. McKim explained that core class teachers are giving students their recommendations for next year. He is encouraging staff (to include teachers and counselors) and parents to have discussions with students about their choices, based on their career track, etc. . A conflict matrix is also run to try and avoid scheduling conflicts for students, but occasionally a student may not be able to take a desired course. The school wants the core classes selected by students by March 5th and electives by March 19th. These schedules go through the CCR teacher.
- Parent concerns about communication from buildings and district were discussed. One concern from parents is the outdated Site Council section on the HS website. Sharon Burns will update the site once items are sent to her. She will start with the February meeting minutes and will update the by-laws. Another concern presented was about letting parents know about the ACT in advance so they can help students that want to get more prep time. Something to note - sometimes our ACT averages may look lower because we allow all Juniors to test unlike other schools. Many students take the test with no prep because it is provided one time by the state for free.
- The Site Council worked on setting a goal for this school year. In the past, they have fed staff during P/T conferences, but this is being covered by KAYS this year. It was suggested that we do something nice for the teachers for all they

have endured this year, possibly during Teacher Appreciation Week. A food truck for teachers was discussed. Christy Kotzman will begin looking into this option.

6. **Adjourned at 6:30** - Motion to adjourn by Sharon Burns and seconded by Kristie Wessel. Approved unanimously. Next meeting is April 7th at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marsha Jaskowiec, Secretary  
MS/HS Library Assistant