

MSA Academics Committee
Meeting Minutes

Weds., May 3, 2017, 8 a.m., Room 12A

Present: Kassie, Romelle, Cheri, Maggie, Bronwyn, Tim, John, Barb, Courtney, Jen, Rita **Absent:** Lisa, Emily, Hannah, Noelle, Jerry

1. Old Business

- a. PSEO Task Force - update (Lisa/Kassie) - Met with Markell about Spanish. Kassie emailed colleges and is waiting for them to get back to her.
- b. WBWF - update (Romelle) - Nothing new to report.
- c. 2017-2018 Course/Elective - update (Joelle)
 - i. Lisa Anderson will be teaching an overload next year: 1 section sociology, two sections Ancient World History, four sections of US History. Cate Roath will teach two sections of Political Science and Economics.
 - ii. Next year's 10th-12th grade students have received their schedules. Next year's 9th grade students will receive their schedules this week. Next year's 7th and 8th graders will receive their schedules by the end of May. 6th grade math placement exams will be given the week of May 8th. 6th grade scheduling will begin shortly after the exams.

2. New Business

- a. Staff hiring - update (Asst. Dir., Physics/Phys. Sci, Chem., Spec. Ed) (John)
 - i. We have 20 applicants for the Assistant Director position; we will weed it down to 8-9 next week. Last round will be the week of 5/15. Hopefully, we will have an announcement by Memorial weekend.
 - ii. We will start interviewing for Physics next week.
 - iii. Already interviewing for Chemistry. There are two likely candidates. If they don't work out, we have more resumes to pull from.
 - iv. The Special Education teacher position has been filled. The EA positions are down the road. The room assignments for next year's schedules will determine where EA's end up.
- b. Discussion - *MSA School Policy 601—School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals - 616 School District System Accountability* need to clarify Academics Committee and WBWF goals for BOD policy update
 - i. Do we need to update policy 616? Do we need to update what the Academics Committee purpose? Are we on track with the World's best Workforce?
 - ii. Policy 616 edits:
 - Need to change No Child Left Behind Act to ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Need to word change to Minnesota Academic Standards and Graduation Requirements.

- A.1. Do we need to delineate between WBWF and Academic Committee? Do we need to make sure the BOD calls out the goals to be reviewed by the authorizer?
- Academics Committee is the umbrella which WBWF is under. It is a report the Academic Committee is in charge of.

[Insert Local Cycle in the space] will be looked at.

Cheri and Maggie will go through the Minn. Stat. to make sure they are up to date with the policies.

C. [Include the Student Board Representative to be a part of the Academic Committee.]

D. 3.

d. Should we have a specific plan for the BOD to review yearly? Or are these issues covered throughout the WBWF? Should we re-word so it is the WBWF that is reviewed?

5. Check into authorizing legislation. Create/review a cycle.

E. Tim is going to make sure it is approved not just presented in the agenda.

F. Looking into what the study hall time for 2017-18 will encompass.

Do we need a Graduation Standard Policy?

3. **Next Meeting**

- a. MSA Strategic Plan - which core initiative/performance indicators involve Academic Committee - Review for next year how this fits into the Academic Committee.
- b. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 A.M. in Room 12A. The next meeting will be held Weds., June 7, 2017. Meetings are open to the public.