

Tentative MSA Academics Committee

Minutes

Mon., Sept. 11, 2017, 8 a.m., Room 4A

1. New Notetaker **Maggie**
2. Introductions
3. **Old Business**

- a. (5-10 min.) PSEO Task Force update (Lisa)

Weighted credit for PSEO courses? No conclusion was determined last year. All school districts are required to post any weighted courses. The BOD determined we would post that MSA does not weight any courses. However, we are now given the task of determining if we should weight PSEO courses, and we need to hold an open meeting at the parent meeting to present (November). Noelle will now be the secretary of this task force.

1. Website listing requirement
 2. PSEO Open Forum

- b. (5 min) Spanish Open Forum (Lisa)

Spanish department will present their new curriculum at the November parent team meeting .

How long should it be? What is the goal of the presentation?

Math and Science have presented the last two years. A template will be given to the department before the presentation.

- c. (5-10 min) Education Program Policy Task Force (Cheri)

A Policy Task Force needs to go through the policies: 616, 603, 601

A strategic plan (The World's Best Workforce) needs to be in place, and there are many other questions which revolve around the statute.

The Academic Committee will act as a site team overseeing TWBW.

There is still much to go through with this policy.

A Policy meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9/14 at 6:30 P.M.

- d. (5-10 min.) WBWF Update (Tom)

WBWF is our plan as a school to disaggregate our MCA data to then improve our scores as a school. The report needs to be put together by mid-December. Need to break down the data and make a plan to shrink the gap or increase scores. A student needs to be a part of this process.

4. **New Business**

- a. Calculating GPA's - use semester or year grades? (Bronwen & Joell)

How Skyward calculates GPA's. JMC calculated GPA's at the end of the year. When we switched to Skyward, it calculates GPA's each semester.

MATH.....EXAMPLE

A semester based class has a final grade, so it wouldn't affect the decision. It seems fair to include all their work. Students who are very good in semester 1, but then seem to flounder semester 2. Each teacher will have a different set up for points and grading. The year long calculation seems more fair. There may be certain topics they excel at. It should be based on the final grade for the year. We think that Skyward was set up to do it this way, it was not a decision we made. Going back to past years may or may not be possible to recalculate GPA's. It would be simpler for families to calculate their GPA's. This will not affect the students applying to college during senior year. Is this something that goes to the BOD? Yes, it will be brought to the BOD.

Is Skyward aware of this? Yes, they are helping Joell fix it. If we are fixing an error, do we go back to past years? Joell will see if it is a possibility.

3. **Next Meeting**

- a. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 8 am in Room 4. The next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 2. Meetings are open to the public.