

Liberal Arts and Science Academy

Campus Advisory Council

1 March 2017 Meeting—Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Co-Chair Ann Phipps, Co-Chair Amy Moore, Secretary Mark Grayson, Will Andrews, Lynn Boswell, Karen Carlander, Mary Crisler, Jason Flowers, Sarah Harrelson, Ana Irizarry, Sondra Marks, Elaine Martinez, Vanessa Mokry, Ken Pfluger, Quinn Simpson, Stacia Crescenzi (ex officio)

Guests: Jacquelyn Hawkins, Clara Morse, Winn Philpott, Melanie Plowman, Rachael Steyaert, Sreenidhi Tupuri, Frank Wallace

I. Welcome, Call to Order

II. Citizen Communications

Jennifer Hawkins sent an e-mail that was read aloud, describing a petition to the Board of Trustees and FABPAC on behalf of a group of LASA and LBJ alumni, that LASA and LBJ be combined into one program, as it had been once in the 1990s.

III. Training Presentation—Effective Meeting Facilitation

Document and procedures reviewed.

IV. February Minutes Approval

February minutes unanimously approved.

V. FABPAC Update

Community Engagement Most of the options remain on the table, from staying at the LBJ site with a new shared building, to the Allen site, to whether there's a way to support the Eastside Memorial community with a new high school and allow LASA to move into its new community, or to some as-yet unannounced site.

At the LBJ-hosted community engagement facilities meeting, much of the input from the neighborhood near LBJ focused on how to suitably honor the history of the original L.C. Anderson campus and its history.

Trustee Meetings Several have been contacted recently. Some to stay in close contact with include Mathias, Anderson, and Teich.

VI. Space Sharing per Students cf. Shapiro

Meetings continue with students, the two Principals, and Associate Superintendent for High Schools Craig Shapiro, in order to plan out specific steps and timelines for implementation, including shared space and achieving a consistent matching bell schedule for next year.

VII. LASA Students Speak

A new group/initiative to inform LASA students about civic issues that impact them, such as FABPAC, and ways they can get involved, while accounting for their time constraints. This is not about advocating for specific positions, but to open up engagement opportunities—such as bringing speakers to campus to discuss such issues.

VIII. Principal's Report

Incident A lockdown took place after school hours due to a violent incident in the neighborhood near campus on Thursday 23, February. The decision at the time was to communicate only to those parents whose students were physically on campus at the time, because it was 5:15 and so many parents would be at work or commuting, and sending out an all-parents blast might have led to more confusion than clarity. In addition, it was important to make sure parents and others didn't approach the campus until the all-clear had taken place. That is the reason why students in after school programs who were on lockdown were asked to communicate to their parents via cellphone to assure them that they were safe, that the campus was on lockdown, and that nobody should approach the campus until an all-clear was issued by the police.

Admissions

Applied 632 all grades, including 585 rising 9th graders
Accepted 404 all grades, including 367 rising 9th graders

(525 were qualified based on the 2008 cut scores, which produced a student body that we know from studies of past classes was successful in college.)

When students have announced whether or not they will be attending LASA, demographic data on the freshman class, both in terms of middle school attendance zones and racial demographics will be released.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 5 at 4:05pm.