

Liberal Arts and Science Academy

Campus Advisory Council

7 December 2016 Meeting—Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance: Parent Co-Chair Ann Phipps, Faculty Co-Chair Amy Moore, Secretary Mark Grayson, Will Andrews, Lynn Boswell, Karen Carlander, Mary Crisler, Jason Flowers, Sarah Harrelson, Vanessa Mokry, Oscar Newman, Caitlin Palmer, Ken Pfluger Quinn Simpson, Principal Stacia Crescenzi (ex officio)

Guests: Shane Aung, Sam Buford, Sofia Moore, Sarida Morejon, Melanie Plowman, Frank Wallace

I. Welcome, Call to Order

II. Citizen Communications

<none>

III. Training

Meetings need to have minutes taken and posted.

IV. November Minutes Approval

Minutes approved unanimously.

V. FABPAC Update

Mark Grayson presented an update on the work of the FABPAC. Last week, the group went through the consultants' proposed Facilities Master Plan recommendations for all elementary schools and discussed each cluster, or small group. This week, the same will be done for secondary schools.

The elementary recommendations will be adjusted further by the FABPAC in mid-December, and for secondaries on 5 January 2017.

Then, the recommendations will be presented to the Austin community in a series of six regional community engagement meetings (January 24–26 at McCallum, Crockett, and Garcia MS, respectively; January 31–February 2 at Martin MS, Burnet MS, and Gorkczyki MS, respectively.)

After another round of adjustments to account for this public input, the Draft Facilities Master Plan will be presented to the AISD Board of Trustees for approval in March 2017. Once approved, the FABPAC will use the Facilities Master Plan to propose a bond program for Board consideration in June of 2017, presumably for a November 2017 bond election.

VI. Northeast Austin Planning Committee

Many members of the LASA CAC attended the meeting and those at the LASA CAC table used the provided format to address the sole mention of LASA in the Northeast Austin Plan. The statement on LASA states "To allow for LASA to increase enrollment capacity, two options exist. LASA could be relocated to a new or existing facility or the LBJ campus could be expanded to allow for expansion of LASA and LBJ Early College High School. The specific location for LASA will be determined by FABPAC."

The group at the Northeast Austin meeting crafted a statement about the will of the LASA CAC, stating that the preferred plan is for a stand-alone independent campus that is a comprehensive high school, without co-location. Not only will this allow for growth of the program, but it will also expand opportunities for access and diversity. As part of the discussion of this item during this LASA CAC meeting, the CAC unanimously approved a slightly amended version of the statement to be sent to the FABPAC as reflecting the will of the LASA CAC.

VII. Student-Generated Space Sharing Plan

Under the guidance of Associate Superintendent Craig Shapiro, a joint committee of LBJ and LASA students will be preparing a PowerPoint of their plan to facilitate better sharing of facilities. The students will present to both principals to plan implementation, and then they will meet with the combined CACs later in January 2017 to inform them of the plan.

VIII. External Doors/Security

Some of the lesser-used side and alternative doors that need to be locked are now kept locked.

IX. Principal's Report

Recruitment and Mentoring Paredes and Bedichek are now interested in participation as well in the mentoring program, but they will need for their volunteers to be trained.

Admissions Policy Update The district's legal department has given a positive assessment of the principal's proposal to adjust the LASA Admissions Policy to include five special circumstances that may also be included in consideration of admissions. Application process will not change, as the information needed is already part of the application.

New CTE pathways LASA would like to offer two new pathways eventually, probably one during the next year and the other somewhat later. One is photography, and the other is fashion design.

Other Updates LBJ will be a "Breakfast-in-the-classroom" school next year. As a consequence, the cafeteria will be off-limits during the morning. Across from the art room on the 2nd floor, only in the morning, will be a cart for some simple breakfast options for LASA students.

X. Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 4 at 4:00 pm in the library conference room.