

Liberal Arts and Science Academy
Campus Advisory Council
5 April 2017 Meeting—Minutes

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

***Guests:** Shane Aung, Sophia Blaha, Rachel Drga, Clara Morse, Yolanda Torres, Lori Wallace*

I. Welcome, Call to Order

II. Citizen Communications

None applied.

III. Training Presentation—District Strategic Plan

Document reviewed.

IV. March Minutes Approval

March minutes unanimously approved.

V. FABPAC Update

Board Action on FMP AISD Board of Trustees approved the FMP with a few amendments based on a 6–3 vote, at 3:18 am, after starting at 7:35 pm the previous night.

Trustee Meetings Mathias was noncommittal in discussions, but when contacted, he said he would welcome LASA if it wound up being placed in his district.

We need to identify families from District 1, so that when we talk with Trustee Gordon, it is with his constituents.

VI. Space Sharing per Students cf. Shapiro

Working on smaller issues directly with a representative of the maintenance department like maintenance requests and new furniture that can be shared. A student-facing survey is in the works for what kinds of projects and collaborative workspaces would foster togetherness for both schools.

VII. Principal's Report

2017–2018 Budget Budget is very similar to the 2016–2017 budget. In terms of staffing, because of enrollment changes, LASA will be adding 2 teaching positions. But the District is no longer funding dance, so it is likely that one of those positions will need to be used to support the dance program. May need to hire an additional science teacher.

Non-staffing budget will include money to continue the materials for promotional outreach to try to continually broaden LASA's applicant pool.

Admissions Update Tonight is the make-up session for the choice sheet event, so still not quite certain about who is coming. There are about 334 acceptances so far. About 2/3 showed up on Saturday's choice sheet day, and presumably the remainder will appear tonight.

Rate of people being admitted but declining is dropping, but more study needs to be done to identify the reasons.

District of Innovation Unanimously, Board voted to apply for this status. The next step allows for schools to petition the administration to be allowed to circumvent some particular state laws. Not sure whether there is anything that LASA would want to request for next year, but will look at this in the years to come.

Other Updates Seventh-grade shadow days—40 African American students and 40 Latino students on Monday and Tuesday respectively, will shadow with volunteer student hosts. The goal is to get kids excited before 8th grade so that they are paying attention to selecting rigorous classes and doing well on the STAAR. This will pay off if they decide on one of AISD's choice programs, whether they consider LASA, Anderson IB, or McCallum.

Start Time School will begin at 8:30 am next year with a matching bell schedule for LASA and LBJ and lunch shared. Transportation costs will be significantly more expensive for the District, though.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, 3 May at 4:05 pm.