



## **WBMS School Governance Council Minutes**

**Date:** August 21, 2020

**Time: 7:30 a.m.**

**Members Present:** Rebecca Williams, Principal | Michelle Garner, Appointed Staff | Anne Ramsey, Appointed Staff | Erin Schuler, Teacher | Camie Christensen, Parent | Kimberly Wolf, Parent | Julia Williams, Parent | Sue Moore, Community Member | Teressa Ruspi, Community Member

**Guests Present:** Erin King, SCG facilitator

### **Council Meeting Norms:**

- Operate with a focus on Clarity, Culture and Communication
- Be Prompt and Present
- Make student-driven decisions
- Silence cell phones
- Be respectful to others
- Actively and professionally engage in the Council work.

### Call to Order

Ms. Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:45 am.

### Approve Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Moore to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Schuler and approved unanimously. No voters abstained.

### Approve Minutes

Ms. Christensen motioned to approve the previous month's meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moore and approved unanimously. No voters abstained.

### Discussion Item: Quick Check In

Ms. Christensen asked for the council members to share a highlight and challenge from the first week of URL.

### Discussion Item: Public Comments/Virtual Comments

Online/Virtual comments will be shared at the next meeting. Ms. Williams will meet with Ms. Bernhardt for support to access online comments.

### Information Item: Principal's Update

Principal Williams shared the following:

- Two weeks of preplanning was very helpful
- Breakout rooms in Teams is a great feature
- Enrollment: as of 8/21/2020 (numbers still up)

- 6<sup>th</sup> 342
- 7<sup>th</sup> 403
- 8<sup>th</sup> 413
- Seed Fund: \$30k; will want to spend this year. Money spent from last seed fund on consultant, but we have pulled back and have overage to transition into this year.

## Discussion Item: Review People and Culture Pillar

- Parent University
  - Ms. Wolf shared that Technology learning for parents is in the works to help parents understand various tech tools.
  - Ms. Ruspi shared an event planned for September in Milton which will focus on mental health and wellness. Ms. Ruspi will be speaking, and Mrs. Hurst will be on the panel.
- Social Emotional Support

Ms. Ramsey shared ideas the counseling team have in the works all designed to reach the common goal of getting to know the counselors while building relationships and trust.

- Student needs assessment, working on a plan for this year
- Parent Newsletter to include activities for the Fall, located on our website
- Creating a way to extend the offer for students to meet with the counselors virtually
- Gratitude Journal/Jar
- Square breathing and mindfulness
- Help students develop a routine that will transfer into the classroom encourage turning on their cameras
- Shared the Grounding Strategy for coping with Anxiety
  - 5) Acknowledge FIVE things you see around you. It could be a pen, a spot on the ceiling, anything in your surroundings
  - 4) Acknowledge FOUR things you can touch around you. It could be your hair, a pillow, or the ground under your feet
  - 3) Acknowledge THREE things you hear. This could be any external sound. If you can hear your belly rumbling that counts! Focus on things you can hear outside of your body
  - 2) Acknowledge TWO things you can smell. Maybe you are in your office and smell pencil, or maybe you are in your bedroom and smell a pillow. If you need to take a brief walk to find a scent you could smell soap in your bathroom, or nature outside
  - 1) Acknowledge ONE thing you can taste. What does the inside of your mouth taste like—gum, coffee, or the sandwich from lunch?

Ms. Ruspi offered opportunities that the LRJ Foundation can support schools:

- LRJ classroom take overs
- Wellness Wheel, areas in life and at school that may be affected
- Videos available to help support and manage feelings and emotions
- Continue to support WBMS Health and PE classes
- LIVE classroom pop-ins (10 minutes)

Ms. Wolf shared the continue support of the Webb Way at school and in the community:

- Business partners donated \$750 in Starbucks gift cards for the staff
  - Webb Way Wednesdays on Facebook
  - Every 4.5 weeks working on a drive by pick-up in place of popcorn celebrations
  - TikTok dances between staff and students
  - Motivational Mondays
  - Staff appreciation including monthly drop offs, stock the fridge, treats, dinners, etc. Open to suggestions
  - Spirit Wear store to open next week. Will offer special spirit wear days to help connect students to the school
- Sixth grade/new student integration

Ms. Williams shared the following:

- Huge focus by our counselors has been our new students
- Front office staff is calling every sixth-grade family to be proactive and building connections. Will move to 7th and 8th grade next
- Ordered Webb Way note cards and post cards for staff to connect to students
- Ms. Garner and Ms. Wilson held a Questions and Answer Teams meeting with sixth grade families
- Ms. Williams created a video tour of WBMS with Ms. Carter
- Ms. Williams surprised the staff with an Ice Cream truck full of little treats to keep them going on Friday 8/21.

Additional Comments from council members:

- Ms. Christensen shared how well received the Webb on Wheels Parade was by the community. She thanked Ms. Schuler for her involvement in organizing. Ms. Julia Williams agreed.
- Ms. Julia Williams is working with Ms. Miller and Ms. Garner to connect sixth graders to WBMS by painting steppingstones in our Georgia Garden, a work in progress.

### Discussion Item: Community Cupboard Update

Ms. Christensen has created a spreadsheet of items in the school store to keep track of what we have, what is needed and what needs replenishing.

- Focus has been on school supplies
- Contact has been made with the social worker
- May need to switch to hygiene and food, etc.
- May set up an Amazon Wish List

### Discussion Item: Set draft agenda for next meeting

Ms. Christensen said we will choose another pillar and check in with Ms. Williams to create an agenda as we are unsure what the next four weeks will hold.

### Action Item: Meeting Adjournment

Ms. Wolf motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Julia Williams and approved unanimously. No voters abstained. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.