



Meridian World School Advisory Council

ADVISORY COUNCIL



GOVERNANCE: Non-voting body

- Chair – Joe Burke, former board president
- Staff Liaison – Karalei Nunn

PURPOSE & GOAL: Provide and opportunity for stakeholders to engage more deeply at Meridian.

- To engage parents in the work at Meridian with their expertise & knowledge
- Provide faculty an opportunity to engage in a broader sense
- Pool interested parents and staff into a larger body for more effective action

WELCOME BACK!

PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE



MEMBERS: Beth Allen, Jeanne Batterton, Lynda Chapel, Tricia Jones, Jenny Kirchoff, Sharee Lawson, Denae Linnartz, Eve Smiley, Kriston Wood

STAFF LEADER(S): Rick Fernández



PURPOSE / GOALS: To ensure that parents have an effective instrument for communicating areas of the school's strengths and areas in need of improvement.

OUTCOMES:

- Unsuccessful meeting attempt in late March due to Covid-19.

NEXT YEAR: We will meet 3-4 times throughout the school year. The committee will continue with its original goal to review the most recent parent surveys and possibly make changes to the questions and decide whether it would be more effective to deliver as one comprehensive survey or be divided into manageable, themed mini-surveys throughout the year.

STANDARDS BASED GRADING COMMITTEE



MEMBERS: Tejal Bhalani, Doug Cho, Evelyn Gabrillo, Carmen Garudo, Tricia Jones, Collette Hammons, Heather Millhone, Keith Tischler

STAFF LEADER(S): Charles Ryder



PURPOSE / GOALS: To provide feedback on the process as 5th-12th grades move to bring Meridian assessment practices more closely in line with Standards Based Grading methods and IB assessment philosophy.

OUTCOMES:

- A meeting of this committee was not held. The first meeting is scheduled for next week.

NEXT YEAR: We will meet three times next year (Aug/Sept; Dec/Jan; April/May) to discuss progress on Standards Based Grading and its interaction with whatever instructional model (such as Distance Learning or Hybrid) that we may be using because of the COVID-19 situation.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE



MEMBERS: Parents: Louis Castro & Eve Smiley. Additional members include Board President, Board Member, Head of School, COO, Communications Specialist, Representatives from RRPD and EMS, Assistant Principals, Counselors, Teachers

STAFF LEADER(S): Jessica Boese & Karalei Nunn



PURPOSE / GOALS: Provide regular review of school safety strategies and ensure all legislative requirements are understood and planned for accordingly.

OUTCOMES:

- Formally transitioned the Safety Task Force to the newly required School Safety & Security Committee, and welcomed additional members
- Reviewed preliminary Multi-hazard Operations Plan (MEOP) and submitted documents to Board for approval
- Reviewed and approved School Safety Grant request

NEXT YEAR: We will meet three times throughout the year (fall, spring, and summer). The committee will continue to review the MEOP before its submittal to the Board for final approval, as well as participate in the school's safety audit.

SCHOOL HEALTH COMMITTEE



MEMBERS: Marwa Bishr, Lei Bryant, Debbie Castro, Lynda Chapel, Doug Cho, Vik Davar, Evelyn Gabrillo, Collette Hammons, Shellie Hayes-McMahon, Tricia Jones, Jenny Kirchoff, Sharee Lawson, Mike Moss, Jennifer Traugott, Eve Smiley

STAFF LEADER(S): Melina Berduo, Shannon Haulotte & Leslie Sterzinger



PURPOSE / GOALS: To promote students' health by supporting healthy eating and physical activity and education for human sexuality.

OUTCOMES:

- 2-13-20 Meeting: 2 Groups Health & Nutrition and Mental Health & Sex Ed
- 3-16-20 Meeting: Corona Virus and Prevention
- 4-21-20 Meeting: Efforts made for Mental & Physical Health, Food Donations, Results from Distance Learning Survey
- Re-Opening Sub Committee: Planning & Hybrid Models

NEXT YEAR: We will plan to meet three times, (1 Fall Meeting July/August) to discuss our health and distance learning strategy as well as review the Local Wellness Policy, (2 Spring Meetings February and April) to further finalize any changes to the Local Wellness Policy and plans for 21-22

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE



MEMBERS: Joseph Burke, Steve Garcia, Mickell Moss, Elisa Nunez, Pritesh Prabhu, Aimee Stenborg, Keith Tischler

STAFF LEADER(S): Karalei Nunn & Nina Teubner



PURPOSE / GOALS: To participate in the Development Team as a parent/peer in fundraising and stewardship efforts for the Meridian Annual Fund.

OUTCOMES:

- Annual Fund Campaign met goal in January
- Successful #GivingTuesday peer to peer campaign
- Updated Matching Gift How-To Instructions
- Provided valuable feedback on current campaign
- Excited to implement feedback and grow partnership in 2020-2021 campaign

NEXT YEAR: We plan to meet 3-4 times through the year; July/August, November, February and May. The goal of the Development Committee continues to be to broaden the peer-to-peer involvement to ensure a successful 2020-2021 Annual Fund campaign.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



MEMBERS: Keith Brainard, Jennifer Bush, Mario Diotto, Sarah Groff, Shellie Hayes-McMahon, Jennifer Noonan

STAFF LEADER(S): Karalei Nunn



PURPOSE / GOALS: To educate public officials - elected and appointed on aspects of public charter schools.

OUTCOMES:

- Spring Meeting with Director of Outreach and Advocacy from the Texas Public Charter School Association (TPCSA) and our members requesting engagement in the summer.
- Under the leadership of TPCSA, several Meridian teachers have participated in meetings at the state capitol, a principal and teacher participated in a zoom town hall with our state reps, and state reps have visited Meridian several times over the spring.

NEXT YEAR: We will meet in early fall to discuss and determine Meridian's legislative priorities and decide how to move forward.

REPLICATION COMMITTEE



MEMBERS: Jeanne Batterton, Tejal Bhalani, Debbie Castro, David Edrich, Sarah Groff, Brian Hankey, Denae Linnartz, Heather Millhone

STAFF LEADER(S): Karalei Nunn



PURPOSE / GOALS: Participate in task force to consider Replication (another Meridian).

OUTCOMES:

- Planned meeting in late March was not held due to Covid-19.

NEXT YEAR: Ideally this committee will meet in the fall to evaluate the landscape and any changes that may have occurred as a result of the pandemic and develop a way to move forward in light of these changes.