

Minuteman School Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 4:00 pm
Minuteman High School Training Room

Present: Joyce Miller, Trish Flueckiger, Allyson Huntington, Clifford Keirstead, Francis LaRosa, Gary Sypteras, Tracey Sierra, Jack Dillon, Stavros Ioakimidis, Katie Smith, Jaculen Maglio, Recorder

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm

Review Minutes from February 15, 2017 Meeting – Approved

Review New Building Time Line, Jack Dillon

Summer 2017 – Ground breaking begins

Fall 2017 – Foundation and building begins

Fall 2019 – Existing school demolition begins

Spring 2020 – Construction complete

Academy Model Defined, Kathleen Smith, Early Education and Care Teacher

Katie showed a PowerPoint presentation that explained what an Academy Development Team (ADT) is. The ADT is a group of 13 Minuteman faculty and administration members that was formed in August of 2015 with the goal of helping Minuteman transition into an Academy Model.

Minuteman will have 3 Academies:

1. Engineering, Construction & Trades
2. Life Sciences & Services
3. Shared Services & Programs.

An Academy is a smaller learning group within the school, where integration and project based learning is at the heart of the Academy Model. Related courses are next to each other, resources such as academic classes will be shared. We will have TOIL areas (Technology Office Innovation Laboratory's), where "Real World" project based learning will take place and allow for enhanced support for all students.

Some of the work that the ADT has been doing is creating Minuteman 101 which is a new course for Freshmen, it's design to help freshmen know exactly what is expected of them as they spend their years here at Minuteman. Senior Projects have been streamlined and integrated, Senior Portfolios have moved to digital format and has a new check-in timeline. Curriculum mapping is the implementation of new online curriculum tracking system. ADT has been involved in a lot of professional development over the past year. They have traveled to Nashville to visit their Academy Model schools, they've taken many classes last summer and every Wednesday is professional development for the entire staff to prepare for the new structure of Minuteman. There is a lot to learn in the area of new technology programs that teachers will use for curriculum. The program that will be implemented is called Atlas Rubicon. Each teacher will have their own account that will track their assessments it will have key terminology that will show connections in what is being taught in other classes.

Make Plans for Kevin Mahoney to Present Budget at next Meeting

Other Information

Adjourned at 4:50 pm.