

MODEL LABORATORY SCHOOLS

AT EASTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

MODEL LABORATORY SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, December 5, 2022

Model Lab Annex Meeting Room, #4123

4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Mendi Goble, Community Member
Jana Mayer, Model Faculty Member
Tyler Sayre, Model Student
Gerald Tatum, Model Parent
Lynn Taylor Tye, EKU Board of Regents, ex-officio
Dr. John Williamson, Chair, Model Superintendent

Members not present:

Dr. Dana Bush, Faculty Member Outside Model
Deanna Frazier, Community Member
Robin Jones, Model Parent
Dr. Sara Zeigler, Faculty Member Outside Model

Also present:

Jennifer Blakeman, Model Director of Special Education
Dr. Christopher Budano, Model Asst. Supt. for Teaching & Learning
Laura Dedic, Model Director of Finance & Operations
Holli Hunt, Model Secondary Principal
Donna McGuire, Model Executive Assistant
David Naylor, Model Elementary Principal

Copies of the meeting agenda and PowerPoint slides are bound at the conclusion of these Minutes.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Williamson at 4:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the October 6, 2022 meeting were approved by consensus.

III. Faculty/Staff Recognition

Dr. Williamson highlighted recent faculty and staff recognition, including:

- **Dr. McCardle, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Budano** – National Association for Gifted Children Presentation
- **Tim Hoover** – 2020-22 Stilwell Award by the Kentucky Department of Education
- **ME Henton** – Teaching Art Together Grant with Jeri Katherine Howell and Published Article in *The American String Teacher Journal*
- **Ellie Turner** – Lexington Children’s Theatre Grant for *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr.*
- **Scotty Sutton and Melanie Smith** – Title IX Site Visit – Met requirements with many commendations

He noted that Model teachers complete the same requirements for scholarship and service, such as the presentations listed, as ECU campus faculty.

IV. Student Highlights

Dr. Williamson shared recent student highlights, including:

- **Top Five Celebration**
 - Model High School students, faculty and staff celebrated the high school’s Top Five state accountability ranking on December 2nd
 - Students and teachers ate at Case Dining. Students who scored Distinguished or Proficient were given Starbucks vouchers
- **EKU Legislator Day** – Representative Deanna Frazier Gordon joined Model Lab seniors who participated in ECU’s Legislator Day on November 10th
- **The Gauntlet** – Students in grades 5-8 recently competed in the Gauntlet, a test of professional conduct and essential leadership skills. The top-ranking students will represent Model in national competition in March 2023
- **Student Artists**– Model artists Parker Robertson, Nicole Tioukalova and Elyssa Bradburn earned awards and distinction, and are currently featured in an artwork display in the annual Gallery On Main Art Show. Additional students will be featured at the Gallery in February 2023
- **All-State Orchestra** – Hagen Bramlage, Hannah Kim, and Amelia Lanier auditioned and were selected for the 2023 KMEA All-State Orchestra, along with other top-performing students from across the state

Mr. Sayre said the students liked the Top Five celebration. He said incentives such as no final exams had also been requested. Ms. Dedic said the Top Five shirt had received compliments and she would sell some in the Model store due to requests.

Ms. Mayer reviewed the success of the recent Gauntlet and the expectation that a group of students would be participating in national competition.

V. Japanese Exchange Program

Dr. Williamson shared that on November 7th a delegation team from Hokuto City, Japan visited Model and ECU as part of an exchange program. Student representatives from Model and Koryo High School in Hokuto City will visit the respective areas, residing with a homestay family. During the visit a formal agreement was signed for 2023-24 school year, continuing a tradition of cultural exchange between the two regions that dates back to 1988.

VI. Tuition and Fees

Dr. Williamson reviewed the 2023-24 Tuition and Fees schedule that was approved by the ECU Board of Regents on December 2, 2023.

A copy of the approved Tuition and Fees schedule is bound at the conclusion of these Minutes.

VII. 2023-24 School Calendar

The tentative 2023-24 school calendar was discussed. Highlights include a late start date, ending the year prior to Memorial Day, and including of both a fall and spring break. This calendar version provides more planning days, but fewer student days. Dr. Williamson said that some staff feel that additional student days would be beneficial but that an earlier start date is problematic due to avoiding the week that ECU classes begin and Kentucky Department of Education guidelines about the required number of student days being based on the start date. Mr. Tatum said that parents prefer the later starting date. Ms. Mayer said teachers are pleased with additional planning days and student days will need to be more intentional.

A copy of the reviewed 2023-24 school calendar is bound at the conclusion of these Minutes.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Dr. Williamson listed upcoming events, encouraging attendance and participating in the Holiday showcase on December 12th. Students will display what they have learned since the school year began in the areas of performing and visual arts.

IX. Model Construction Project Update

Dr. Williamson explained concerns with increased construction costs due to dramatic changes in inflation. The amount granted by the legislature will not cover the full cost of the project and it is likely a Phase II approach will be utilized.

Drafts of the lower and upper levels of the new school were reviewed.

Groundbreaking is expected to take place the first week of school, in late August.

X. Next Meeting

The new Model Advisory Council meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2023, in the Annex Meeting Room.

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Dr. John Williamson, Dean of K-12 Programs/ Model Laboratory Schools Superintendent