



Making Waves Academy

Minutes

Spring CIRAC & WASC Meeting

MWA spring WASC & Curriculum and Instruction Review Advisory Committee meeting.

Date and Time

Friday April 18, 2025 at 9:30 AM

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Committee Members Present

Alicia Malet Klein (remote), Esther Hugo (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

Guests Present

Alton B. Nelson Jr. (remote), Arika Spencer-Brown (remote), Bryann Fitzpatrick (remote), Elizabeth Martinez (remote), Tameka Jackson (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Alicia Malet Klein called a meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee Committee of Making Waves Academy to order on Friday Apr 18, 2025 at 9:45 AM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Objectives and Structure

A. Introductions, Orientation to the Agenda, and Overview Focus

Board president reviewed the meeting agenda.

III. Opening

A. Updates: WASC Process

Committee voiced enthusiasm for the changes WASC is piloting, including a shorter report; using existing groups for input and feedback; AI for data analysis and embedded rubrics. Board members advocated for the school to look into ways to engage community members that are not typically active participants as well as working with the upcoming student board member and the parents who worked on the charter renewal. It was suggested that the full board have a WASC engagement session at one of the meetings next year.

B. Pre-Meeting Questions

Committee reviewed answers to questions around student failure rates from Fall 2024, noting they are returning to pre-pandemic levels, and reviewed short- and long-term interventions, including credit recovery, summer options, parent communication and SEL support. Additional questions related to AP courses, concurrent enrollment opportunities and career-connected learning, particularly blending the current college-going mindset with a career-focused curriculum to be piloted, likely in 7th and 8th grades.

C. Break

IV. LCAP/WASC Goals

A. Goal 1: Support for All Learners

Committee reviewed efforts to improve student grades through curriculum adjustments, teacher support, and expanded interventions, with a particular focus on EL and SpEd students. Core subjects are showing recovery as MS teachers adjust to shorter class periods and more refined pacing. Continued concerns include Algebra II failure rates, gaps in EL and SWD leadership, and the need for stronger strategies in science and social studies. Instructional Partners, coaching, and PLCs are helping build alignment across grade levels. Focus remains on equity in access to support and AP courses, increased parent communication, and encouraging student ownership over academic success.

B. Goal 2: College and Career Readiness

Committee heard updates on the impact of the larger senior class size and the necessary CCC expanded supports, including extended office hours, more family Zoom sessions, and increased collaboration with faculty and deans to better serve students. Partnerships with MWEF and community organizations have strengthened, providing students with more opportunities. College info sessions will continue next year, and the CCC expressed appreciation for ongoing support as they prepare for Decision Day and plan ahead. The group briefly discussed the MWEF decision to reopen the application process for its college-success program to those students initially denied.

C. LCAP/WASC Goal 3: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Committee discussed positive culture-building efforts by deans and school leaders through value awards, positive parent outreach, and staff recognition. The rate of restorative conversations was discussed and will continue to be monitored alongside suspension data. Rebuilding a robust parent culture remains a challenge post-pandemic, though attendance has improved and core values remain a strong foundation.

The group also discussed the integration WASC and LCAP into one committee, including how many meetings per year the committee should have. Fall and spring meetings will be planned for next year.

V. Closing Items

A. Action Items/Next Steps

- Dr. Jackson will share the answers to the pre-meeting questions related to failure rates, as well as the historical failures bar chart, with the full board next week.
- Dr. Hugo will present on the meeting at the June board meeting
- Ms. Klein, Mr. Nelson, and Ms. Martinez will discuss possible tweaks to the board meeting scope and sequence during the WASC process next year.

B. Good of the Order and Exit Tickets

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alicia Malet Klein

D. Day of Slides

Documents used during the meeting

- WASC Reimagined Pilot Overview.pdf
- WASC Timeline_2026.pdf
- OPTIONAL READ_ WASC Roles and Responsibilities.pdf
- CIRAC Spring 2025 (1).pdf
- WASC_CIRAC April 2025 Pre Questions.pdf
- CIRAC_LCAP_WASC_Goal_1_Presentation_Spring_2025.pdf
- CIRAC_LCAP_WASC_Goal_1_Presentation_Spring_2025.pptx
- Advanced Placement (AP) Course List '24-25.pdf
- (WASC) Copy of AP Score Reports 23-24 - AP Score Summary (1).pdf
- CIRAC Spring 2025.pdf
- CIRAC - WASC_LCAP Goal 3 Spring Meeting - April 2025 (1).pdf
- CIRAC Spring 2025 (2).pdf