

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: December 8, 2015

Members: Tony Kaplan community leader, Shannon Romagnolo teacher, Robin Lamott Sparks parent (ABSENT), Kevin Keating teacher, Paul Giansanti asst. vice principal (ABSENT), Paul Darcy parent, Kim Forselius Bielen parent, Christy Palumbo parent, Sherlet Kurian parent, David Coss teacher, Mary Hall community leader, Elisa James teacher (ABSENT), Steven DelGrego teacher (ABSENT), Joanne Courtmanche parent, Alicia Norris parent, Clydette Messiah acting principal.

SGC as it stands has seven parents, two community leaders, five teachers, one principal and her designated representative.

Purpose

Results for Council (goals)

The following will be achieved as a result of our work:

Identify issues in NEASC report- Particularly Academics and Building

Develop strategies for working on our goals

Agenda

6:00	Getting Started	Agenda item led by:	Next Steps
6:05-6:45	NEASC Report Review		
	<p>Out of 4 we received a 2. (1 the highest 4 the lowest)</p> <p>Main issue is heating and ventilation system/Scheduling of 504 Meeting/ Work on in two years.--1,2,5 or 10 year</p> <p><u>Funding:</u> How would the town prepare to finance the school if grants did not exist?</p> <p><u>Relationships with central office-</u>Decisions are made central office but no teacher input. Who is the board rep for HHS and what is their responsibility? Can the rep come to the SGC meetings?</p> <p>Can BOE HHS rep shadow student? Invite student reps to SGC meeting. Speak to Mark Albanese about building concerns, ventilation and cooling/heating, thermostat, need specialist to balance systems, cleanliness of the building-what is the maintenance plan?</p>	Kevin Keating , parents, community leaders	

	<p>What is the timeline of fixing these issues (heating and ventilation)?</p> <p>SGC Parents draft letter and sign to give Mark.</p> <p>Possible Changes: Develop software similar to helpdesk that identifies maintenance issues.</p> <p><u>School Safety</u>- All phones in all classrooms need to work-report created in august pertaining to phones, pa systems, clocks-Phone created in cafeteria, band room did not hear for lock down. PA system in café and gym does not work. Need red blinking light to indicate emergency.</p> <p><u>Third floor</u>-difficulty getting outside. Bring up to Darce at next school safety committee meeting.</p>		
6:45- 7:05	Academics		
	<p>NEASC- Academics- continue reinforcement of strategies that go from class to class that are consistent to increase reading comprehension and writing skills. Propose training staff members to train faculty regarding strategies that are common- i.e. CRIS STRATEGIES.</p> <p>Cohesion needs to exist from sending schools.</p> <p>Baseline assessments exist but skills are not reinforced. Research class taught by librarians.</p> <p>Possible suggestion: Create a Hamden District Writing Guide- Solicit input from all stakeholders. Look at TAG program regarding what models are used.</p> <p>Speak to the middle school governance committee- Should there be a joint meeting?</p> <p>Math- many students are failing pre-algebra</p>	Kevin K and teachers	
7:05-7:15	Meeting Review		
	<p>Speak with HR-Gary Highsmith regarding SGA participating in final round of interviews</p> <p>Student reps attend meeting</p> <p>Who is the HHS BOE rep? Can they attend the meeting in Feb?</p>		

	Email Mark Albanese- Send draft first- Plan in place Meeting regarding curriculum- Kevin will meet with math teachers/David Coss to discuss curriculum		

Next meeting January 12, 2016

Agenda: NEASC Report, Minute