

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: June 7, 2016

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

Additional attendees: John Hannah, HHS Social Worker; Mike Migliore; NEASC Committee Representative, HHS Teacher

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

Results for Council (goals)

Review accomplishments of the year
Approve minutes/Set SGC Terms
Establish Subcommittees
Review Safety/ Traffic in AM/Building Condition

Agenda

		Agenda item led by:	Next Steps
6:00-6:10	Accomplishments of the year		
	Traffic Flow Signs created outside Doors fixed Phone in Café Craft a list of recommendations for next year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not schedule meetings when facilities meetings exist (Tuesdays) - Include more diversity among parents on SGC Past minutes approved by all	Kevin Keating	
6:10-6:15	SGC Term Limits		
	1 year teacher terms- Kevin Keating (returning); Shannon Anusewicz (returning) ; David Coss (not returning) 2 year teacher terms- Steven DelGrego ; Elisa James SGC Current openings: 1 teacher opening; 1 parent opening	Kevin Keating	
6:10-6:20	HHS Principal Update		
	“In Progress” Two interview rounds completed thus far—Concern that there is a lack of teacher involvement in interview process. All community stakeholders involved in interview process. Proposal of site visit of new principal Need clarification of hiring process of the principal- What are the next steps? What is the teacher involvement?	Paul Giansanti; Clydette Messiah	
6:20-6:30	Safety: Windows, doors, PA/recent fire		
	Speak with Jodi Goeler about status of fixing windows in the building. Windows in A wing and B wing need to be fixed	Kevin Keating	

	<p>Examine budget line of process to fix building</p> <p>Concern regarding existence of fire hydrants at school—Ask for attendance of fire chief, Gary Merwede, at future meetings regarding concerns pertaining to safety.</p> <p>Look to attain fire report from 5/13/16 incident</p>		
6:30-6:36	Traffic in AM at HHS		
	<p>Contact with Chief Wydra- Concern regarding communication between morning police officer and HHS principal.</p> <p>Chief Wydra agreed to meet over summer to determine a solution.</p> <p>Need to determine plan for traffic flow to avoid back-up onto Dixwell Ave.</p> <p>Crossing guard needed for student safety- Who is in charge of crossing guard?</p>	Kevin Keating; Sherlet Kurian	Christy Palumbo
6:36-6:46	Building Condition		
	<p>Will the ticket system be in place in September?</p> <p>Email Mark Albanese –NEASC committee emailed Mark regarding accreditation and need for HVAC system fix and maintenance log.</p> <p>Ask Mark Albanese to attend summer meetings.</p>	Kevin Keating	
6:46-6:50	Test Scores		
	<p>Be sure to discuss, at length, the academic accomplishments and needs with new principal.</p> <p>Requested a theme of literacy for professional development.</p> <p>-Literacy strategies will be inclusive of all content areas regardless of assignment.</p>	Kevin Keating	
6:50-7:00	Alumni Involvement		
	<p>Recruit more HHS graduates to meet with current students regularly.</p> <p>Increase fundraising—create possible committee that includes regular school-wide involvement.</p> <p>Need to increase recognition of student awards to town community— Look to contact New Haven Register.</p> <p>Include HHS Journalism class in process of publishing articles with community papers.</p> <p>In connections—promote HHS Pride and create a single community.</p> <p>Create “We Are Dragons” murals to post student achievements.</p> <p>Student gallery page on website for students—lots of students viewing website.</p> <p>Create promotional video.</p> <p>Publish on website where students are attending college.</p>	Kevin Keating; Elisa James; Paul Giansanti	
7:05-7:10	School Data/Power School		
	<p>In the future examine NWEA data; disaggregate SAT data</p> <p>Present gains to BOE</p>	Kevin Keating	

	Craft a list of data needed and create a data focus for the year. Suggestion for members attend Power School Academies in 2016-2017 school year -Need to review all options of Power School i.e. attendance analysis		
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Possible Sub committees:

Data Examination Committee

Alumni Committee

Promoting HHS Committee

To be discussed in the future:

Agenda item F—Develop COMPACT agreement

Next Meeting: Summer TBD