

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, February 13, 2017

Members: Robin Lamott Sparks, parent, (absent) Kevin Keating, teacher, Paul Giansanti, Vice Principal, Paul Darcy, parent, Kim Forselius Bielen, parent, Sherlet Kurian, parent, Christy Palumbo, parent, Alicia Norris, parent, Elisa James, teacher, Steven DelGrego, teacher, Cate Marshall, teacher, Nadine Gannon, Principal, Anna Lisa Aurora, teacher, Judith Goldberg, parent, Chris Daur, Board of Education representative, (absent) Anthony Kaplan, Community representative (absent)

Agenda

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Public Comment and Approval of Minutes

Principal Gannon Update

Priorities for 2017

Creation of Elections Procedures Committee

Communications Committee

Update on Compact

6:00pm

1. Approved January 2017 Minutes

6:10pm

2. Discussed HHS Compact

- a. How to ensure compact being followed by students, teachers and parents?
- b. Have contract signed by teacher, student and parent and have contract filed in student portfolio suggested.
- c. Follow the mission provided by the state of Connecticut for school contracts suggested.
- d. Amending contract where student learning can be presented first in columns suggested.
- e. Amending contract where emphasis more on Partnership with students, teachers and parents suggested.
- f. Members of committee asked to review contract and send suggested amendments to committee.
- g. Editing and proof reading to be done by Alicia
- h. Timeline to have completed in 1 months' time.

6:30pm

3. Reviewed Tardy Data presented by Annalisa Aurora

- a. To promote all students at HHS, attend all classes and arrive on time to school.
- b. Ideas presented to combat issue;
 1. Homeroom starting before first period every day and have official attendance taken at that time.
 2. Have consequences to arriving tardy to school such as a certain number of unexcused tardiness to school in the morning will result in 1 school absence (arrival after 7:41am)
 3. Have consequences to arriving late to class such as a certain number of unexcused tardiness to each class, example, 3 unexcused tardiness to a class period will result in 1 absence (arrival to class after bell rings)

4. Have Board of Education budget for a school attendance coordinator to monitor tardiness and absences among students to assist monitoring issue.
5. Suggested having reward system for students with excellent attendance.
6. What can we do as a Governance Committee to address this issue? What is in our means? The Board of Education's means? Continue discussion and plan of action.

6:50pm -7:10pm

Issue of parental involvement in school, how to promote

1. How to improve parental involvement at HHS discussed, ideas suggested.
2. Positive outcomes from parental involvement discussed: Family engagement improves student achievement, reduces absentees, restores parent confidence in student's education, can improve any behavioral issues in school.
3. Suggestions made to help promote parental involvement at HHS: possible speak at events where parents show presence, such as when Athletic Director talks about Spring and Fall sports participation, school band performances, teacher conferences use these opportunities to speak to parents about school involvement.

7:10pm

Meeting Adjourned for evening. Next meeting Monday March 13th, 2017