

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, March 13, 2017

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

Agenda

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Public Comment and Approval of Minutes
Priorities for 2017 Attendance/Tardiness issues
Creation of Elections Procedures Committee
Communications Committee (LED sign)
Update on Compact

6:00pm

1. Approved February 2017 Minutes

6:10pm

2. LED sign for HHS

- a. Continue communication with Board of Education and proposal moves to the next phase of town committees.
- b. Possible other date needed to display to town officials the difference in size options.
- c. Project funded through HHS PTSA (nonprofit organization)
- d. Christy Palumbo will reach out to Chris Hurley at Daktronics to inquire about financing options for LED sign for HHS

6:20pm

3. HHS Compact

- a. Adding logo to compact
- b. Edits to be done on compact by next meeting
- c. Review/finalize compact at next meeting

6:30pm

4. Governance Council Election Process

- a. Community member Anthony Kaplan resigned from committee
- b. Sherlet Kurian taking lead on process and steps needed to be taken for election. Judy Goldberg provided a packet with timeline, election by-laws, nomination form and Candidate information form.
- c. How to reach school community for recruitment of candidates for Governance Council?
 1. Email from Principal to school community
 2. Post of HHS web page
 3. Weekly update from Principle have a "shout out reminder"
 4. PTSA announcement
 5. Announce at HMS
- d. How many members is the committee short for next year?

6:40pm

5. Attendance Issue

- a. Rose Pawlikowki guest speaker from Board of Education spoke about attendance problem and current policies written in the HHS Green and Gold handbook.
- b. Current policies state: Students who walk to school or provide their own transportation should arrive at school by 7:20 a.m. Once students arrive on school grounds, they are not allowed to leave without a written Dismissal Pass from the administrator. Students are expected to be in their first period class before 7:31 a.m. Students must attend school four periods in order to participate in extra-curricular activities after school (including sports).
- c. CHRONIC DISREGARD FOR SCHOOL POLICIES (TARDINESS & POOR ATTENDANCE) AND REPEATED OFFENSES OF INFRACTIONS MAY RESULT IN MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES THAN OUTLINED IN DISCIPLINE CODE IN HANDBOOK.
- d. Current policy states: Tardiness 1st Warning 2nd Teacher detention 3rd Teacher detention, parents and House principal contacted 4th Subsequent incidents, referral to House Principal for disciplinary action
- e. Reasons problems with tardiness and attendance at school:
 - 1. Students don't take responsibility for themselves.
 - 2. Students' expectations are out of line with the instructor's.
 - 3. Students don't recognize how their lateness affects others.
 - 4. Students don't perceive the beginning of class as important.
 - 5. There is no consequence to being late.
 - 6. Students are trying to challenge the instructor's authority.
 - 7. Students are experiencing emotional or psychological problems.
 - 8. Students have physical or logistical reasons for coming late.
- f. How can we stop tardiness and attendance?
 - 1. Motivate students
 - 2. Identify cause
 - 3. Step by step help
 - 4. Expect Incremental change

7:15pm

Meeting Adjourned for evening. Next meeting Monday April 17, 2017

