

## Hamden High School

### School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, November 13, 2017

*Members :Kevin Keating, Paul Giansanti, Vice Principal, Kim Forselius Bielen, parent, Sherlet Kurian, parent chair, Christy Palumbo,( absent) , Cate Marshall, teacher ( absent), Nadine Gannon, Principal, Anna Lisa Aurora, teacher, Judith Goldberg, community member, Chris Daur, Board of Education representative, ( absent) Erica Blackmon, parent, Jasmina Besirevic-Regan, parent, Amita Singla, parent,( absent),Corinne Castro, parent, ( absent) Chris Thomas, teacher, Erica Tamsin, teacher, Ava Purdue, student representative, Terrance Boyd-Nordstrom, student representative ( absent) , Reva Zaleski ( guest)*

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#### Agenda for Tonight's Meeting

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Housekeeping: \*\*Ending promptly at 6:55pm. Winter Concert Tonight

Approval of minutes 10/16/17 & 11/13/17

COMPACT agreement- Did all parents get with report card? BOE meetings: December 12, Erica Blackmon attending

Update from Safety Meeting (held at Spring Glen)- Erica Blackmon

PTSA President Reva Zaleski- Goals

Education

Update from meeting December 6(will send out as minutes this week)

Mrs. Gannon :Retirement of Dr. Messiah- will there be a new principal? Any updates?

Mrs. Gannon: STEM ACADEMY in HHS (\$500K)

School Promotion

Christy/Ms. Gannon: update on LED sign

Tardiness/Absenteeism

BOE policy for Attendance & Truancy update- final vote on 11/14/17(?) confirmed?

(see BOE policy#5113 and #5113.2 online) Safety/Operations

Update: Screens up and running, comments from students?

Vacant positions

Community member- nominees?

Reassessment of GOALS and any new IDEAS- Realignment/New committees

6:00pm **Introductions/Welcome** made by Chair Kurian and review of evenings agenda. Meeting asked to adjourn at 6:55pm due to HHs concert

6:05pm Vote taken to approve October and November minutes. Minutes approved.

6:10pm Comments made by Chair Kurian that HHS Compact not sent out in all Report Cards as intended. Principal Gannon will have Compact added to Weekly Dragon Update for all to be able to view.

6:15pm Principal Gannon reviewed the Safety meeting held.....

Mrs. Palumbo reported on LED sign status

- Scoreboard reported to Mrs. Palumbo that they are moving forward with project.
- Mark Albanese has looked at Middle School sign with company to determine specifics for HHS
- Collaboration in the works with engineering company regarding drawing up plans on sign, which should be available by mid-December.
- Final installation cost estimation should be available shortly (before New Year)
- Project pace has increased.

6:30pm Introduction of Reva Zak

6:40pm BOE New Policy for Attendance

- BOE policy for Attendance & Truancy update-REVIEW, up for final vote on 11/14/17
- (see BOE policy#5113 and #5113.2 online) for detailed description of policy.

- Proposed new ideas from Governance Counsel regarding consequences of habitual absenteeism: unable to attend school events such as athletic games, concerts, plays, dances, etc. Duration of consequence TBD.
- Discussion on ideas why students are absent/tardy and what issues can be addressed and supportive by HHS to prevent such as: 2 mile walker policy to be changed to 1.5 mile policy and provide school buses to those who live further then 1.5 mile ( reasons: lack of paved sidewalks, no plowing of walks during seasonal month making walk difficult, small percentage of students getting siblings to school before they can attend school in morning ( adjusting their individual schedules to begin classes 2<sup>nd</sup> period not 1<sup>st</sup>), possibly providing Public Bus passes ( as New Haven issues) to students who meet criteria.

6:45pm

Creation of Education subcommittee within Governance council

- Goals to not duplicate what has been already done but to build on Events such as Orientation for students, Parent Orientation and revisit counseling services provided plan for Freshman vs upper classman.
- Proposed idea of Counseling services offering timeline for parents and students through HHS experience on what they should be doing when and how regarding graduation goals:
  - \*\* student and parent, following college planning timelines keeping all on track throughout high school. Helpful, step-by-step tips ... Get college planning advice or other after graduation choice advice each year of high school for students and parents

7:15pm Meeting Adjourned for evening. Next meeting Monday December 11, 2017

**UPCOMING MEETING DATES:** December 11, 2017, January 8, 2018, February 12, 2018, March 12, 2018, April 9, 2018, May 14, 2018, June 11, 2018\*\*



