

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, April 9, 2018

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

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Agenda for Tonight's Meeting

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Housekeeping: (a)Housekeeping: minutes: March

Parent council members: anyone resigning after this term?

Lawn signs- feedback and re cycle for next year. Plan?

Education Subcommittee: preferred night (NO WED.)

School Safety: (a) Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro visit HHS-Mrs. Gannon

(b) Lockdown at Magnet School vs HHS- Kevin Keating

Planned April 11th coordinate speakers (i)teachers (ii) parents (iii)students (iv) alum

Contacting Legislative council by district and at large members\*\*Recruit other parent and student groups

6:00pm.

- Kim Bielen to send all minutes taken at Gov Council meetings this past year to Dr. James to post on HHS web site
- \*Discussion about what members staying on council and who is resigning? Discussion had on posting vacant positions to have enough time to get candidates to apply and interview.
- \*Reminder that sub Committees to continue their goals and objectives and present at last meeting: results, plans, follow ups, etc. of committee's agendas.

6:20pm

\*Discussion on student walk outs and milieu's thoughts, student feedback and response on event. Discussion on student's involvement on safety concerns and what can we as a community can be doing better. Nationally what can we be doing better? One idea for students to create a school video on safety.

- Mr. Kevin Keating shared an experience and some feedback regarding a lock down at a school recently he was visiting. Discussion had on that's school lock down protocol and Mr. Keating's experience with the event.

6:40pm

- Discussed April 11<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing on the Board of Ed proposed budget.
- The importance of engaging students, parents and teachers in advocating for our school's services is imperative and to speak at meeting.
- Discussion on visible direct impacts if schools are inadequately funded, the ever-increasing demands on teachers having to not only teach but then having to manage social work issues, mental health issues, leaving possible vulnerable students if funding is not secured.

7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned for evening. Next meeting Monday May 14, 2018



