

EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING 12/4/17- Corinne, Jasmina, Kevin, Sherlet

- COUNSELING DEPT

- a) **Provide more detail online explaining events in all platforms**

(HHS homepage, Facebook, Principal's email update)

- Especially true in principal's update, sometimes only platform parent see
- Add links for more information
- Issue at hand, Coffee with Counselors that explained Naviance use, missed by parents, not enough information provided in principal's update (adding a sentence answering Who? What? Where? and When? would help tremendously)

(Aside: Links for information for team fundraisers, accomplishments in email/HHS page)

- b) **Set up meeting with Mr. Dan Cocchiola-Head of Guidance**

- (i) Parent and student orientations - how to prepare with post secondary life, timelines and benchmarks for each academic grade, ongoing teaching of life skills (financial planning/knowledge-credit card use, debt management)

- (ii) Make more student, teacher, parent, guidance counselor effort to establish communication and better relationships

- (iii) Inform students and parents early, if a student fail class will need to retake prior to graduation (Are there preventative measures taken prior to failure?)

- (iv) Mental health services - Mom Clinic with Yale Child Study liaison, psychologists x4, Psychiatrist on retainer, social workers x ?#

- Important to maintain mental health services in high school

- AP CLASSES

- a) more kids able to take, see outcome of students sitting for exam

- b) need more info about selection process

- SCAFFOLDING

- a) Want to see kids encouraged to move from one level to next (if getting A's in level 5, encourage them to move up to level 7 since weighed differently, same from 7 to 9)

- b) RAISES program (2012-13/14)**consider something similar

- (i) Open to all students in HHS

- (ii) Required money for program from grant for resources (Saturday tutor which were HHS teachers, after school tutor/support, summer session 4 days/4 weeks for study skills, organizational skills, academic supports from online (Khan Academy), and one-to-one