

HHS SGC Minutes - September 5, 2019

Location: HHS Media Center

Members in attendance: Jasmina Besirevic-Regan, Kim Bielen-Forselius, Corinne Castro, Evelyn Cumberbatch, Darce DeCosta, Frank Dixon, Nadine Gannon, Sherlet Kurian, Liz Marini, Christy Palumbo, Ann Stiltner, Erica Tamsin

Members absent: Chris Daur, Judy Goldberg, Tony Naguib, Amita Singla, Alice Stoeffler

Minutes taken by Corinne Castro

Meeting called to order- 6:07 pm

Housekeeping:

1. May & April 2019 minutes will be sent by email for approval
2. SGC Meeting dates: Keep it on 3rd Mondays of the month. Still convenient for the majority of members. Full list of dates to be posted with necessary adjustments for holidays.

Principal Update: Start of the new year

1. Enrollment up significantly, over 1600 students. This includes over 40 students who returned to HHS from New Haven Magnet schools & others that relocated from out of state. Projected numbers were lower so some teachers were moved and positions left unfilled. About 200 students had schedule changes due to new sections being added to ensure reasonable class sizes.
2. 80 Student Ambassadors, born leaders that rose to the occasion during difficult times '18-19 school year. Students were not selected solely by GPA. Creating a student embassy. SA have an interest/focus on mental health. Some SA went through Anti-Defamation League training this summer. The goal is to make HHS a "No Place for Hate" school. We will need to meet ADL criteria in order to qualify.
3. Professional Development days are centered around cultural responsibility this school year.
4. Dress Code Update- BoE looking for input for Students/Parents(SGC)/Faculty. Chair requested members to look at Google doc and add comments.
5. Bell Schedule changing '20-21 school year – Goal is to shorten lunch period to extend instructional time and minimize wasted time during lunch periods. Looking at different scenarios (waterfall drop and rotate AM/PM)

SGC Elections: (October 1-11 *proposed*; Need help from Dr. James/Ms. Fasulo) Goal is to have new members elected and notified in time to attend the October meeting.

- Post nomination form on the website: Sept 9th or ASAP
- Parents: 4 open positions (submit nominations online & open house)
- Teachers: 2 open positions (request nominations at staff meeting)
- Student: 1 open position (*submit nominations online) Looking for Junior or Senior
- Community member: 1 open position (to be selected after other positions are filled)

Subcommittee Updates:

Education/Counseling: Parent Orientation Slides are ready to be presented

- Open House – In the Library
- Coffee w/counselors - Sept 26th to present Parent Orientation Slides

School Promotion/School Climate:

- Survey Results – Over 500 responses. Top Initiative chosen was Student Success Plans.

Meeting Ended at 7:18 pm

Next Meeting: October 21st, 2019 6 PM

