

Minuteman School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Present: Jack Dillon, Allyson Huntington, John Fusco, Ben Keaton, Nick Delorey, Cliff Keirstead, Frank LaRosa, Olivia Miller, Joyce Miller, Cheryl Mixon; Recorder

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

- Introduction of members

Attendance Policy update

- Attendance policy update by Cheryl Mixon – monthly average attendance about the same as last year. Still seeing unexcused absences and are looking at excessive absences on a case by case basis, offering support while still following procedures as stated in the new policy.
- Jack Dillon informed the group of the different levels of support offered to students with attendance issues.

Update on start of 2018-2019 school year

- Jack Dillon commented on a great start to the new school year.
- There were no other comments or questions.

Update on new school

- Jack Dillon informed the group that the new building should be all closed in by December.
- Passed out waivers to visit the site in the next few months.

Other Information

Awards

- Minuteman was awarded the National Blue-Ribbon award. Jack Dillon, John Fusco, and Greg Donovan will be flying out to Washington, DC to receive the National Blue-Ribbon award. Mr. Dillon emphasized that this is not just about the academic success of Math and English, but it reflects on the hard work of everyone.

Other upcoming trips

- Ms. Dempsey, Dr. Perreault, Mr. Cammarata, Ms. Roche, Mr. Dillon, and Justin Hahn will be driving to New Jersey for a 3-day visit to the newly opened High Tech High, a school similar to Minuteman in size and CTE majors, using the Academy model. The purpose of the visit is to see what's working as well as what's not, so we don't experience some of the issues they have had in moving into their new building.

Minuteman Make-A-Wish

- Jack Dillon spoke about the Minuteman Make-A-Wish program; the MPA will provide gifts and meals for Christmas to families in need. We have received 3 applications and with money raised (\$500-\$600) along with the generous donation from a former employee, of gift cards valued between \$500-\$600, we will be able to make this happen.

Donation to families impacted by gas leaks

- Jack Dillon informed the group of the several thousand dollars in cash and gift card, as well as food, that was delivered to families impacted by the gas leak in the Merrimack Valley.

Change in Automotive shop

- Jack Dillon remembered, Bruce Flood, Automotive instructor, who passed away this Fall. John Primpas, the PG Automotive instructor, has transitioned into that role.

November meeting

- Cheryl Mixon will send out a SurveyMonkey to choose date for November
- Jack Dillon will present MCAS data
- Jack Dillon will present new video of the new school building and we will set up date to visit

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm