

Minuteman School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Present: Jack Dillon, Allyson Huntington, Cliff Keirstead, Trish Flueckiger, Ben Keaton, Tyler Ferrin

Guest: Joe Pitta; Coordinator of Workforce and Economic Development

Cheryl Mixon; Recorder

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

CO-OP Discussion

- Joe Pitta explained the Co-op workflow process and grading system.
- Trish Flueckiger asked about access to the job board to see employer comments. Mr. Pitta suggested the students share their information with their parents.
- He also provided information on how potential employers register on the job board in response to an inquiry made by Allyson Huntington.

Homework Policy

- Allyson Huntington proposed a change to the homework policy as written in the handbook, suggesting that homework not be assigned the day before a religious holiday, holiday weekend or break, that is due the first day students return to school from vacation or religious holiday.
- Members of School Council discussed assigning homework a few days before holiday or vacation that is not due until a few days after returning.
- Mr. Dillon will bring these suggestions to the next Academic and CTE Lead meeting for discussion.

2019-2020 School Calendar

- Mr. Dillon shared the 2019-2020 School Calendar.
- Due to the move into the new building, classes will start after Labor Day, returning to the last week of August for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The Back to School Night scheduled for September 18, will be a different format this year. It will be a welcome open house where parents will be touring the new building and not going through their child's schedule.
- Allyson Huntington suggested creating videos for parents, available online, with messages from their child's teachers. Mr. Dillon will bring this suggestion to Administration.

Other Business

Admission Update

- Mr. Dillon recognized the great team work of the Admissions team in bringing in the highest number of new in-district student applications and acceptance letters being sent.
- This is a result of the great job done by the Admissions team and the students during their visits to the middle schools, the opening of the new school, and our Blue-Ribbon school award.

Puerto Rico Trip Update

- Cliff Keirstead commented on the unbelievable job our students did during this community service trip, including School Council Student Member, Tyler Ferrin.

Future AP Classes

- Student Member Ben Keaton proposed adding more Math and Science AP classes, especially for the Health Assisting, Environmental, Engineering, and Biotechnology CTE programs in order to remain competitive with other high school and college applicants.
- Ben suggested adding these classes during the CTE format.
- Mr. Dillon will bring Ben's ideas to the next E-team and Academic/CTE Lead meetings for further discussion.

Handbook Changes

- Brian Tildsley will be at the May 23rd meeting to discuss changes to the handbook.

May Meeting

- Mr. Dillon proposed 2 meetings for May due to Seniors leaving at the end of May and the last day of School being June 12th.
- Cheryl Mixon will send out potential dates for an additional May meeting.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.