

## Hamden High School

### School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, September 17, 2018

*Attended Members: Kevin Keating, Sherlet Kurian, Christy Palumbo, Judith Goldberg, Chris Daur, Jasmina Besirevic-Regan, Erica Tamsin, Vice Principal Darce DeCosta ( in place of Principal Gannon in her absence)*

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#### Agenda for Tonight's Meeting

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Next Meeting: October 15, 2018

Parent representative vote

Teacher representative vote

Recommend a Teacher co -chair

Goal wishes for 2018-2019 year

#### Minutes

6:00pm Discussion on **amending bylaws** to include electronic voting so voting is just not relied upon "paper ballot" as written in Governance Council bylaws. This amendment would let the council send an email that would contain the link for an electronic vote and not send paper ballots. This would save high school money in postage cost (\$1500)

A majority of the Governance Council members were in attendance to vote on this amendment ( 9 ) :

Sherlet Kurian, Kevin Keating, Kim Bielen, Christy Palumbo, Judy Goldberg, Jasmina Besirevic-Regan, Erica Tamsin, were present and voted. Amita Singla and Lisa Aurora called in to vote. (6:25pm)

The vote was unanimous to amend bylaws to include electronic voting.

6:40pm **Teacher representation for Governance Council** was discussed. 3 openings available. At this time Elizabeth Marini and Ann Stiltner have committed to joining. 1 position remains.

6:45pm **Recommended teacher co-chair of Governance Council** was named Erica Tamsin.

6:50pm **Governance Council goal wishes briefly discussed due to time.**  
Kevin Keating recommended we need to **revisit teaching strategies**, a system that could build through the years of middle and high school so that students are prepared for post-secondary. It would be a system all teachers would use for effectiveness and would start off in fifth and sixth grade and build throughout the years of middle and high school focusing on higher order thinking skills with a heavy emphasis on reading comprehension. There should be evidence of this being used in all classes no matter what the discipline is. **School Spirit recommended.** Ms. DeCosta gave an update on the upcoming safety week that students will be participating in and spirit activities such as "Hello Week" where cheerleaders and jazz band playing when students enter school in mornings. A discussion on how to continue with school spirit, leading to more positive school energy, leading to better school attitudes and behaviors, etc. and connectedness to the school to encourage students to engage with each other.  
Christy Palumbo suggested revisiting **the NESAC reports** ensuring all recommendations were met and sufficient.

7: 00pm **Meeting Adjourned**



