

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, October 16, 2017

Members :Kevin Keating, Paul Giansanti, Vice Principal, Kim Forselius Bielen, parent, Sherlet Kurian, parent chair, Christy Palumbo, parent, Cate Marshall, teacher (absent), Nadine Gannon, Principal, Anna Lisa Aurora, teacher, Judith Goldberg, community member, Chris Daur, Board of Education representative, Erica Blackman, parent, Jasmina Besirevic-Regan, parent, Amita Singla, parent, Corinne Castro (absent) parent, Chris Thomas, teacher, Erica Tamsin, parent, John Hanna (visitor)

Agenda

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Welcome by Chair

Housekeeping:

Approval of minutes 9/11/17

Dates for all upcoming meetings (see handout)

BOE meetings: Parent reps sign up for a date (see handout); Update from 10/10/17

Subcommittee members (see list) should set up own meeting/communications

Web HHS SGC page updated- thanks Dr. James

Vacant positions

Student representatives- Update from Chris Thomas (policy statement)

Community member- need nominees for next meeting

COMPACT

PDF of edits made by Jasmina sent, reviewed?

Agree to edits, change and send copy to Sherlet/Kevin/Kim/Ms. Gannon, final approval then copy to be sent to be sent with report cards

School Promotion

Christy, chair/Ms. Gannon: update on LED sign

Lawn signs quote from Rollins for Open House and School Spirit (Green Bowl)

Tardiness/Absenteeism

BOE policy for Attendance & Truancy update-REVIEW, up for final vote in November
(see BOE policy#5113 and #5113.2 online)

Safety/Operations

Update on morning traffic flow-Ms. Gannon/Sherlet (?)

School ticketing system-Ms. Gannon

Ventilation/Temperature

Education

SAT scores-Ms. Gannon wanted to discuss last meeting

Retirement of Dr. Messiah-search for new principal? (future of HLC/freshman orientation/open house)-Ms. Gannon

NEASC update: recommendations completed by 10/1/17? Topics addressed 504 students, Rubrics, Curriculum, Ventilation-MS Gannon

6:00pm

Introductions/Welcome made by Chair Kurian and review of evenings agenda.

6:05pm

Vote on acceptance of September 2017 gov council minutes/Minutes approved

6:08pm

Chair Kurian reviewed the significance of parental representation at the BOE meetings monthly.

- To watch what decisions are being made
- To bring back to council questions/concerns/solutions from meeting to be discussed
- Each gov council parents to volunteer to take a meeting date. Date sign up list distributed at meeting for sign up.

6:15pm	<p>Subcommittee discussion about Governance Council breaking into sub committees to tackle key HHS issues decided at 9/11/17 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A person from each subcommittee to arrange a discussion about each key issue * Chair Kurian will email each subcommittee to follow through with key issues agenda and status * Each subcommittee to present at monthly Governance Council meeting about key issue
6:30pm	<p>Mr. Thomas presented the design for the 2 members of the student body to apply for a seat on the Governance Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *The application will be on the HHS website with easy access to apply. The recruitment strategy will be through word of mouth, clubs, classroom, and website. Students can nominate themselves or be nominated by teachers, coach, administration or community member. *Students must have 2 HHS recommendations to apply * Candidates will be reviewed by HHS Student Council where the best candidates will be nominated for the 2 openings. * 1year term is expected, 2-year term the limit for student seat on council
6:40pm	<p>Compact Agreement discussed and Agreed upon after adjustments made. Compact will be distributed with First Quarter Report Card.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Font needed to be changed to 1 common font • Spacing adjusted
6:45pm	<p>LED Sign status summarized by Ms. Palumbo</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamden Town officials having discussions with committee about logistics and description of sign (size, height, presence) adhering to town regulations (zoning) . • No exact pricing on cost of LED sign has been determined as of yet. Numbers dependent on budget and possible fundraising and possible outside donations. Numbers dependent on sign cost, masonry work, mounting.
6:50pm	<p>Committee discussing the idea of placing lawn signs in yards, near school, in venues and along entrance will help promote school spirit, school activities, engage students and families to indorse HHS.</p> <p>Also, Committee collaborating with PTSA on selling HHS car decals to promote HHS awareness and indorsement.</p> <p>How to fund signs and decals to implement plan? To be investigated</p>
6:55pm	<p>Traffic Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Police Officers 3 days a week in front of HHS managing traffic during school drop off • 1Police Officer 2 days a week in front of HHS managing traffic during school drop off • Crossing Guard continues 5 days a week

- 7:00pm HHS SAT scores per Principal Gannon there is room for growth. Discussion with Central Office (superintendent) where there needs to be more areas for student support to enhance scores
- * Ideas to meet with AP teachers review scores in correlation with SAT scores, how to prepare students for SATs with student lessons, feedback from teachers, feedback from students.
 - * discussion on state accountability, individual schools held to different standards
- 7:10pm Update on NEASC
- * Progress report Due
 - * Board looking over report
 - * BOE looking at current policy for attendance, currently 20 absences a student loses credit, would like to amend to 18 absences a student loses credit
 - * discussion on defining “unexcused” very vague, language must be specific.
 - * when discussing these changes must address no truancy officer availability, no follow up availability
- 7:15pm **Meeting Adjourned for evening. Next meeting Monday November 13, 2017 due to Columbus Day holiday on October 9th and school not in session**



