

Final Thoughts- May 20, 2019

We started in the Fall of 2015 as new organization.

We worked to establish ourselves including creating the bylaws, creating the COMPACT agreement and creating a system for elections.

We have helped our school with safety such as changing the flow of traffic and making it less chaotic in the mornings and afternoons. Attending BOE meetings early on, including operations committee to express our concerns. Invited guests to meetings which helped us understand the big picture.

We have advocated for our school in times of crisis like last year.

This year, we have organized our thoughts and have accomplished a lot and I'm proud of this.

I encourage the remaining members to keep moving forward. I would continue to work on projects that are not completed, such as the surveys which will help get a sense of our school climate and the parent orientation which will help them guide their children through these 4 years. I hope that next year the SGC will pick 1 to 2 topics from our Education/Supports/ Budget review column and start EARLY in the academic year. Be realistic. Sometimes a lot of background information needs to be learned by the non-academic members on the SGC before addressing the big topic. Do your homework.

Please continue to support each other. Our teachers, students, parents, administrators. We need to be kind and respectful. Help each other to increase morale. Keep advocating and promoting our school.

We built something from nothing. Sometimes it's hard to fight against the wind but every small step we make forward helps build a better Hamden High. I have seen you all bring your individual talents and passion for this community in order to realize a greater vision for this school. Although it seems we only have made small incremental changes within these past few years, know that every push, every second of free time spent on these issues have made a difference for these kids whether they know it or not.

Thank you for letting me be your Chair. It has been an honor.

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