

## Hamden High School

### School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, April 17, 2017

*Members: Robin Lamott Sparks, parent, Kevin Keating, teacher, Paul Giansanti, Vice Principal, Paul Darcy, parent, Kim Forselius Bielen, parent, Sherlet Kurian, parent, Christy Palumbo, parent, Alicia Norris, parent, (absent) Elisa James, teacher, (absent) Steven DelGrego, teacher, Cate Marshall, teacher, Nadine Gannon, Principal, Anna Lisa Aurora, teacher, Judith Goldberg, parent, Chris Daur, Board of Education representative,*

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#### Agenda

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Public Comment and Approval of Minutes

Priorities for 2017 Attendance/Tardiness issues

The election on new members to council

6:00pm

#### **1. Approved March 2017 Minutes**

6:05pm

#### **2. Attendance issues**

- a. Principal Gannon spoke about implementing a system collecting data on students who are tardy and absent.
- b. System separating tardy students into separate categories based on standardized Board of Education/Child welfare school attendance criteria
  - Acceptable tardiness vs unacceptable tardiness
  - Acceptable excused student's absences vs unacceptable student absences
- c. When data is collected, and analyzed the next step would be to develop Strategies and Programs to address issue at HHS, i.e.: transportation issues preventing students prompt arrival time, home visits by school social worker to access chronic tardiness or absences of student, evaluate students exhibiting early indications of attendance problems, have a Student Assistance Team at school, conference with parents, reward system in place for good attendance, flexible class schedule for those with chronic attendance issues, consequences to chronic tardiness and absences.
- d. Follow up agenda: has a database been developed for attendance data to be entered? who will be entering data on attendance? Who is analyzing data? When will this be implemented? What is the duration of collection of data before analyzed?

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6:40pm

#### **4. Governance Council Election Process**

- a. Community member Anthony Kaplan resigned from committee need Community member replacement
- b. Nominations will close in May for Parent Council members
- c. Ballot for teachers for Council will be held on May 25 at faculty meeting for teachers
- d. Having 2 students join committee nominated by teachers.
- e. Discussed viable and fair system of recruiting Council members, i.e. HHS website, Dragon Update, word of mouth, referrals.

7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned for evening. Next meeting Monday May 8, 2017

