



Hamden High School Governance Council

Meeting Date: Monday, March 12, 2018

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

Meeting Minutes taken by: Kim Bielen

Agenda items:

- Housekeeping: (a)Housekeeping: minutes, Jan/Feb check your email and vote
- (b) Next BOE Finance meeting 3/13, April dates (not posted)
- RECAP: (a)February 15 Superintendent Budget overview
 - (b) Special Finance meetings 2/15, 2/22, 2/27, 3/1,3/6
 - Understanding the budget, Posted on HPS Home page
 - (c) Approval of the Budget: done on March 8, Mayor present, not usual
- **March 15:** Mayor's presentation of budget to Legislative council **Write Mayor,& DO the Town Survey;
- Contacting Legislative council by district and at large members**Recruit other parent and student groups Replacement of Assistant Principal: This will come down to the town budget
- PowerSchool: Eliminating paper mid quarter Progress report cards to save \$
- American Studies and other changes? What to expect with Budget cuts
- School Promotion: (a) Lawn sign (see prototype): IMPORTANT, need to promote retain students (numbers declining as they go to private sector) (b) LED sign update
- School Safety: (a) Social Media talk 2/22 with State Trooper Katharine Cummings
 - (b) March 14: Student Walkout- Done in discussion with HHS student Leaders, school administration, Hamden police (Chief Wydra)
 - Are any of our students going to D.C on March 24, Need support?
 - (c) Recent additions: (i)additional SRO at school, checking ID at camera (are names documented??) ALL doors secure?
 - (ii)Any other changes or improvements in safety
 - (d) Replacing security guard at HHS, in Budget request now.

6:00pm **Introductions/Welcome** made by Chair Kurian and review of evenings agenda.

6:15pm Last month's minutes approved

6:17pm Discussion about Februarys BOE meeting and up and coming Town Budget meetings

- Consequences to budget cuts and its effects on educational programs.
- The importance as a community to contact Legislative Council and State Representatives regarding funding cuts
- Mr. Thomas suggested the HHS students to be involved with Mayor's budget by writing letters and lobbying for our public schools.
- Reminder of the Town budget meeting on March 15th and discussion had on who can attend and possibly advocate by presenting the importance to keep the 2.5% increase requested if anything
- Discussion on how to implement student videotaping of BOE meetings and Town Wide meetings and display on YouTube for community viewing. To enhance community involvement and knowledge of town issues.
- Meeting Adjourned for evening at 7:00pm. **Next meeting Monday April 9, 2018**
- **UPCOMING MEETING DATES: April 9, 2018, May 14, 2018, June 11, 2018***

