

Hamden High School

School Governance Council

Meeting Date: October 17, 2016

Members: Tony Kaplan community leader, Robin Lamott Sparks parent, Kevin Keating teacher, Paul Giansanti vice principal, Paul Darcy parent, Kim Forselius Bielen parent, Christy Palumbo parent, Sherlet Kurian parent, Elisa James(absent) Steven DelGrego teacher, Alicia Norris parent, Clydette Messiah vice principal, (absent) Cate Marshall teacher (absent), Nadine Gannon Principal, Lisa Aurora teacher, John Hanna, social worker(guest)

Agenda

Public comment
Review Morning Traffic progress /Building repair progress
Communication Committees
Bylaws
NEASC recommendations/Agenda items for the year

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Taken by: Kim Bielen

6:00pm Traffic Issues

Principal Gannon reviewed ongoing discussions being held in regards to school traffic:

1. Conversation with Superintendent about how winter weather conditions and removal will effect traffic flow on school grounds.
2. Ongoing predicament/confusion with parental drop off and abiding by sign directions.
3. Continue with police officer in front of school to assist with traffic procession.

Follow-up

1. Continue ongoing discussion about winter weather and its effect on traffic flow. Continue conversation on barriers and parent drop off.

6:10pm Repair work

1. Repair work continues to be done in the school. Mark Albanese reporting to Principal Gannon and Frank monthly with updates on renovations/repairs. Third floor A wing is leaking. Heating /air-conditioning continues to be inspected and worked on.

Follow-up

1. Plan: 10/18 Mark Albanese to follow up with Principle.

6:25pm System Update

1. In regards to the tracking system for repairs/needs of the school, at this time Principle Gannon meets with Frank and Joe (custodial staff) every 2 weeks with a work order list. They discuss list and prioritize and note dates of order requests and closure of work orders.
2. Superintendent confirmed IT tracking system has been chosen for school communication system. The system was to be up and running after the implementation of Power School. PowerSchool has been up and running but there has been no acknowledgment yet of IT tracking system placement.

Follow-up

1. Plan: Robyn volunteered to follow up on matter.

6:35pm Sent/received Email issues through school email accounts

1. Revisited agenda from last month that sent/received emails issues have been occurring through school email accounts. Paul Darcy had brought to committee's attention. Concern parents might not be receiving school messages or emails from Hamden.org accounts.

Follow-up

1. Plan: Robyn volunteered to follow up on matter.

6:40 pm Subcommittee Progress

1. **Marketing Committee** members: Principal Gannon, Christy Palumbo, Paul Giansanti, Alicia Norris and Kim Bielen, with assistance from Tom Dwyer, Athletic Director and Mark Albanese, director of Facilities Board of Education. Continue to meet about LED sign project for in front of HHS.

Follow-up

1. To attend meeting at Hamden Government Center Beginning of November to present project to Zoning Committee.
2. To create and design with members and Sign companies a LED sign aesthetically appealing to the front of HHS and informative to community.
3. To get quotes about pricing of sign

2. **Bylaws Committee** members: Robyn Sparks, Christy Palumbo, and Kim Bielen continue to meet and construct Bylaws for HHS Governance Council Committee in recognition with the State of Connecticut.

Follow-up

1. To meet November 6th to create Bylaws to present to committee at next meeting.

6:47 pm Vote for additional Parent member

1. Christy Palumbo nominated Judith Goldberg, Hamden parent and long standing PTA member/president experience to HHS Governance Council. Ms. Goldberg's bio sketch was presented and reviewed. Vote unanimous for Ms. Goldberg to reside.

6:55 pm Discussion about Opiate Awareness

1. Principal Gannon brought to council attention along with Community Leader Tony Kaplan the necessary consciousness of having an educated forum for both students and parents on the epidemic of Opiate Use and Dependence. Discussion about HHS hosting an educational session including speakers who specialize in the areas of opiate addiction, drug addiction and treatment. Presenting the movie Chasing the Dragon for grades to watch and providing follow up in smaller class discussions.

Follow-up

1. Coordinating assembly at HHS on this issue in evening to parents with a panel. Deciding on what grades to present movie to?

7:00 pm Review NEASC recommendations and status

1. Deadline for NEASC recommendations were 10/1 for HHS. Clarity of resolution issues, ventilation of building, 504, school rubrics.

Follow-up

1. Has the Operation Committee clarified or solidified issues with Mr. Migliore and the NEASC recommendations?

