

## Hamden High School

School Governance Council

**Meeting Date: August 11, 2016**

**Attending Members:**

***Robin Lamott Sparks, Kevin Keating, Paul Giansanti, Kimberlee Forsellius, Christy Palumbo, Sherlet Kurian, Nadine Gannon, Tony Kaplan***

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**Minutes**

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6:00-6:35	<b>Meet Principal Gannon</b>	<b>Next Steps</b>
	Principal Gannon gave a brief overview on her background and vision for Hamden High School. Part of her vision is to improve the marketing and tell the "Good News" of Hamden. She wants to do more outreach in the community.	A marketing/communciations subcommittee was formed to work with Principal Gannon. Christy Palumbo, Alicia Norris, and Paul Giansanti have agreed to join it. If others are interested, please contact Christy,
6:35-6:45	<b>Communication and Bylaw Review</b>	
	The group agreed that we need to be better on keeping everyone in the loop on the work going on. Robin asked members to please CC her on emails so that she is aware of the different activities.  The bylaws need to be reviewed and cleaned up. Some items are missing (for example terms for officers).	A Bylaws Subcommittee was formed to work on a draft for review. Robin Lamott Sparks, Christy Palumbo and Kim Forsellius agreed to work on it. If others are interested, please contact Robin.
6:45-6:55	<b>Members</b>	
	Regarding finding another parent to join the Council, a discussion regarding the need for a more diverse representation from parents ensued. Elections may not be the best method for ensuring a representative voice on the Council. Currently, many of the parents' children are in the same classes which limits the experiences and issues that may be encountered. The bylaws subcommittee will explore options for ensuring a more balanced representation.  We also need to identify another community member to add to the Council. Members are urged to think about possible members and forward names to Robin to be discussed at the next meeting.  The Council agreed that adding the past Principal and School Board Representative to the Council makes sense. The Bylaws will be revised to reflect that concept.	Bylaws Subcommittee to develop a proposal for adding parents that will be more representative of the student body.  Council members are to think of community members (without high school children) who may be willing to serve on the Council and forward names to Robin.  Bylaws Subcommittee will draft language to add the past Principal and School Board rep to the Council.
	<b>Meeting Dates</b>	
	Meetings will be held on the second Mondays of the month (the third in case of Holidays). The dates for the	Robin will send the dates to all the members.

	year will be published on the website.	
6:55-7:20	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p>Sherlet reported that the Chief of Police has committed funds to hire a traffic flow study of the high school. He will also have 1 or 2 officers at the school, especially for the first two weeks]. In addition, he contacted Mark Albanese about getting the lines painted correctly (for instance the crosswalk is painted in front of the stop sign. He knows of a good painting company and was going to put them in touch with the school district.</p> <p>Principal Gannon met with First Student about the bus drop-off in the morning. They have committed to getting all the students to the school by 7:00 am, and no later than 7:15. The will also be telling the drivers to follow the instructions of the police officers regarding turning on red lights at the school in the morning.</p> <p>In addition, they have adjusted the timing of the stoplight.</p> <p>A lot of facilities work is ongoing in the high school. Hence, the Council will do a more thorough discussion of needed repairs at the next meeting. Principal Gannon did share that video cameras are being installed, phone lines are going in, and the heating/cooling system is being installed. In addition, a rapid response system is now in place and working in the school.</p>	<p>Next meeting we will discuss the status of repairs.</p> <p>Robin will follow-up with the Superintendent regarding the ticketing/tracking system for ongoing maintenance needs.</p>

Next Meeting is September 12 at 6:00 pm.