

School Council Meeting

Oct 17, 2023

Attendees:

J. Butler (t), H. Galante (a), D. Hudder (a), H. Munsie (p), Shreyes S. (s), J. Stark (t), J. Stewart (p), J. Wysokowski (t), Druthi Y. (s)

AGENDA:

I. Introductions

- Looking for additional representation, particularly Hanscom and Boston
- Parity is important (students, parents, school personnel)

II. Purpose of School Council

- Advisory regarding policy, e.g. Handbook changes (School Committee makes policy)
- Advisory regarding school budget
- School Improvement Plan
 - Literacy
 - Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
 - Wellness
 - Curriculum

III. Meeting Agreements

- By acclamation, adopted last year's agreements. (See below.)

IV. Meeting dates and times: Tuesdays 2:30-3:30 unless otherwise indicated

- Nov 14
- Dec 12
- Jan 9, 2024
- Feb 13
- Mar 12
- Apr 9 (2:30-4:00)
- May 14 (2:30-4:00)

V. Security & Camera Policy

- School Committee passed new camera policy

- Installation is planned for December break
- There were questions about who would have access to the cameras.

VI. Grants Awarded

- Hate Crimes
 - Restorative Practices
 - Needs to be a district-wide commitment
- Cell Phones
 - Possible ideas
 - Cell phone storage container for each classroom
 - Education for students and parents/caregivers around digital responsibility
 - Discussion
 - One teacher said education is most important; the collection is a band-aid.
 - One student said it's more of an issue in minors than HH or AP classes. Even when phones are collected, students take them when they go to the bathroom.
 - One teacher feels strongly about collecting phones, cited data around the level of distraction for students when they have phones in their possession.
 - One teacher talked about some teachers' efforts this summer to work together to combat excessive phone use. Talked about the need to support students in their dysregulation around phones.
 - One teacher talked about how many students break through the firewall and access text and other distractions on iPads.
 - One parent emphasized the need for digital responsibility education
 - One parent talked about a tiered approach - different expectations based upon age.
 - One parent mentioned the issue of phones being away during an ALICE procedure

VII. Wellness goal

- Rebooting Challenge Success
- Student survey coming on November 1

- Anticipating that we will hear about sleep and school start times

VIII. Other topics → Please email Ms. Galante

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Meeting Agreements

- End on time
- Share the space and the air - no voice dominates
- Engage in open and honest discussion, where disagreement is welcome and all opinions are considered
- Assume positive intention
- Be mindful that we are all here as representatives, not individuals
- Respect confidentiality - not single out individuals
- Be task oriented; stick to the agenda

Attendance key:

s: student

p: parent

t: teacher

a: administrator

v: visitor