

School Council Meeting

4/12/18

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Attendance: Roger Desrosiers, Susan Tarallo, Tara Bennett, Chris Lowe, Alexis Hermans, Kathy Bien, Kathy Bien, Lilly Kimball

- Review of previous agenda items
- Minutes approval - don't have a quorum. Minutes to be moved to the next meeting.
- FY 19 Budget update - still a gap (unknown amount). Last time we met it was about 230K. Potential layoffs to take place to close financial gap. Principals have provided information to Business Manager and Superintendent. School Committee was debating on whether they were going to push through with 2.3% budget. Talk of prop 2 ½ override by the Town, however no information has been provided to the school yet. Override is on as a warrant article. School committee meeting on April 25th.
- School Handbook - Mr. Lowe presenting. Compiled feedback from other schools, parents, etc.
 - Mr. Myers updating superintendent's message
 - Mrs. Bennett's message has be rewritten. Mr. Lowe read the new message to the council.
 - Discussion about changing students to come to dance to 19 and under. We can request a Cori check
 - School lunch program change was discussed with cafeteria coordinator and changes made to handbook
 - Timely manner - define timely manner. 50% of more they can claim that as a residence. Residency checks, if it seems warranted have been done by Supt and SRO
 - Senior privilege if there are unique circumstances that present themselves we want to have liberty to determine whether senior maintains or loses senior privilege
 - Students transferring to other schools without returning books or athletic uniforms, etc. Want to add that records and transcripts would be forwarded once all items have been returned. Items have not been returned in the past
 - Added by Mrs. Bennett change MCAS test names on page 19.
 - Attendance based plan is changed to buy back plan - students are given opportunity to make up time Saturday sessions, after school help with teacher, etc.
 - Previous language was 100 or 200 fine and classes, this was not practical. Hard to tell odorless vapes. Schools are going to zero tolerance policy. Some schools are considered drug paraphernalia - becoming a problem to monitor. Language is adjusted in handbook.
 - Hard to tell if some vapes are marijuana based products. (Jewels)

- Roger D. prefers Saturday suspension, where they read articles and get some education. We are using Saturday suspension for buy back opportunities and some infractions - is it a strong enough message? School nurse will be giving information to educate students, parents, faculty in 2018-2019 school year
- Lily suggested having a heading specifically for vaping. Drug alcohol and weapon offenses are reported out differently to the state so we have to be careful where we put it. It is a different access code. Unless we determine that vapes are considered drug paraphernalia.
- Education material can be provided with student and they need to submit upon reentry from suspension.
- Students will now eat lunch in ISS room instead of going to lunch block class.

An updated revised handbook link will be provided once our legal team reviews specific sections in the handbook.

Old & New Business

- Received a grant from Shine for social emotional resources. Students went to Wellness workshop today, funded by the grant.
- District Learning Plan was finalized (formerly District Strategic Plan). This will be main focus for May meeting. Mrs. Bennett will share it out.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2018