

NHS – SGC Minutes - October 2, 2019

Members present: Reginald Roberts Principal, Parents: Jimi Napoli, April Guilbault, Tina Brescia, Bob Duff, Kevin Mullins, Teachers: Lauren Delong, Lynn Payton, Don Fessenden, Patricia O'Connor, Katelyn Moffett, Student: Frankie Bonaddio, Community members: Michael Crafter, Marissa Morgan. **Members not in attendance:** Rick McQuaid (parent), Bethany Vayda (parent) Jamal Boyd (Student rep.) Lori Sackowitz (community)

Welcome and Introduction of new members

Follow up from previous meeting:

- Mr. Roberts summarized new procedures for SGC Elections which are now monitored by Central Office: principal, teacher rep. and central office representative count ballots together.
- Due to increased enrollment since the start of the year central office has approved adding a 6th class to some teachers schedule and adding 2 new teachers to the staff.

Review – meeting format and dates scheduled for this year.

DATES

PD - **November 4** ALL MEMBERS, 5:30-8:00 (Topic - Customer Service // NPS Portrait of a Graduate)

November 6

December 4

January 8

February 5

March 4

PD - **March 16** ALL MEMBERS, 5:30-8:00, Topic (Budget)

April 1

PD - **May 5** PRINCIPAL & CO-CHAIRS ONLY, 5:30-8:00, location TBD (Annual BOE Discussion Forum)

May 6

June 3

Election of Co-Chair parent position – Jimi Napoli nominated and unanimously elected to position.

Reports:

Mr. Roberts – Discussed **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**

Goal Areas identified:

- Reviewed data on SAT scores **Goal to increase PSAT and SAT scores** over all.
- **To reduce absenteeism.**
- **Improve Physical Fitness test score for the NHS.**
- **Work on infusing literacy in all curriculum.**
- **Increase freshman retention.**
- **To reduce the amount of suspensions.**

Accomplishments – more NHS students taking AP exams and increase in scores. (Noticed that AP courses are under-represented by minority students.)

Review of the wish list for SGC focus this year.

Improve the culture at NHS-

- More ongoing validation and highlighting of staff/students/faculty reinforce core beliefs.
- Focus on keeping school property clean engage students and parents in this process.
- Continue to build school pride.
- SGC to post updates on parent FB page.

Building Improvements

- **Library redesign** – ongoing project in process.
- **Courtyard updates and use by students** – Discussion of using the space for classes. Some science classes using the space now.
- **Event Signage area** – create a clean space near NHS entrance for event signs to be posted.
- **Consider installing Key Fob locks for teacher access to improve safety.**

Student Issues

- **Tutoring opportunities for Athletes to maintain GPA.**
- **Review and improve IEP process and implementation**
- **ISS** – NHS Administrators are currently working different ways to handle ISS to be more affective.

Pathways / curriculum / equipment

- **Consider Arts Magnet School Possibility** – Art/Music Dept. Chairs have been approached by central office and will report to SGC at future meeting.
- **New Courses?** – Consider adding a digital literacy, nutrition/mental health classes
- **Update technology in building** – keep a running list of needs for budget planning.

Transportation issues –

- Investigate late bus possibility for students who stay after school.
- Look at traffic patterns at the Strawberry Hill drop off area to alleviate some of the morning congestion.

Wellness Issues:

- **Address Homework concerns** – including summer work and vacation assignments
- **Research Healthy Vending Machine options**
- **Ongoing Wellness activities-** consider using advisory period

Actions steps to follow up on selected areas of focus mentioned were assigned for next meeting scheduled Nov. 6 at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.