

# HHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

*February 16, 2022 (5 PM) via Zoom*

In attendance: Anderson, Cavanaugh, Davis, Garland, Hoguet, Lee, Mathews, McPhillips, Melendes, Struzziero, Sutton, P. Swanson, R. Swanson - 13 total.

Absent: Jefford, Knight, Lefort, Pena, Rabinovitz Whitlock - 6 total.

## 1 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting (Jan. 19th, 2022) were approved unanimously.

## 2 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #1 ("SAFETY")

Several members reviewed the school's first-ever Unity Week. Others shared positive feedback . Key points from the discussion included:

- AA described a positive "echo effect" across the community;
- EC expressed a hope for "more classroom activities" in the future and suggested a schoolwide assembly at the beginning of the week;
- Several ideas re: marketing strategies that might help promote broader participation;
- PSt emphasized that the events promoted "renewal" in addition to "recovery" from a period of major disruption caused by the pandemic; and
- A suggestion that we connect with the retired/elderly community members during the next Unity Week.

## 3 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #2 ("ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP")

JM provided an update about Green Team activities, including plans for 1) the Antique Show fundraiser on March 26th and 27th; and 2) Green Week (April 11th through 14th). Green Week plans include raffles, a visit from meteorologist Michael Page, compost sifting, planting in the school garden, a movie night, and a shoe drive. PSw reported that compost sifters (made from reclaimed wood by volunteers at Linden Ponds and in HHS woodworking classes) will soon be available for free loan at HHS. KS offered promotional help from the Hingham Unity Council (HUC). PSw described recent accomplishments of Hingham Net Zero and recommended future collaboration, especially once the new coordinator begins work in July; JM will contact the organization to discuss the potential for collaboration, perhaps during Green Week. PSw will resume work in the interior courtyard that was cleaned up last fall; JM will meet with Sadie Burm '22 to discuss an art installation in that courtyard.

## 4 - STUDENT HANDBOOK

Members should review the HHS Student Handbook for a discussion about any items that merit reconsideration and/or change.

## **5 - UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Next HHS School Council meetings: 3/16, 4/27, 5/18, 6/15