

HHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

March 16, 2022 (5 PM) via Zoom

In attendance: Anderson, Cavanaugh, Davis, Garland, Hoguet, Knight, Lee, Lefort, McPhillips, Melendes, Sutton, R. Swanson, Whitlock - 13 total.

Absent: Jefford, Mathews, Pena, Rabinovitz, Struzziero, P. Swanson - 6 total.

1 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting (Feb. 16th, 2022) were approved unanimously.

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

RS provided updates regarding the recent work of the HHS Unity Project (UP) and the Diversity Empowerment Club (DEC), including:

- UP has sent a follow-up survey to the student body to find out whether the cafeteria display of 58 flags is missing any that should be included;
- UP is preparing a new museum-style display case in the social studies hallway; it will include artifacts loaned by students and staff members that represent the cultural and ethnic heritage; a club officer explained the project to teachers at the most recent faculty meeting;
- In April, UP will reprise the "42 Games of Catch" activity that was held for the first time last year; and
- DEC will collaborate with the art club on a new "[Periodic Table of Black History](#)" wall mural.

After RS described the March 11th "Queer Youth Walkout" and the related cancellation of the Drama Club assemblies scheduled for March 18th, a lengthy discussion included the following points:

- The walkout has generated widespread discussion, not only among students but also in the broader community;
- Several Council members recommended that RS deliver a follow-up message to the student body and share it with the community before the end of the week;
- RS has met twice with members of the Drama Club to discuss recent events;
- Adjustment counselors and administrators will facilitate a debriefing session (akin to the new "First Friday" luncheons introduced earlier this year) for interested students during the lunch block on March 18th;
- HHS should continue the discussion throughout the year and strive to provide additional opportunities (e.g., a schoolwide assembly) for education related to diversity and inclusion;
- Several Council members endorsed the Drama Club's call for an emergency assembly on March 18th and suggested that an effective program could be prepared on very short notice; other members agreed with the administration's position that more planning would be required;
- Several members offered opinions about appropriate disciplinary consequences for students who demonstrate

- disrespect and/or intolerance for others; and
- School administrators should remind students about the anonymous bullying form that can be used to report incidents.

3 - STUDENT HANDBOOK

Members recommended that the Council's upcoming review of the HHS Student Handbook should include the following items:

- Review of the Athletics section, with a particular focus on implications of the recent self-study;
- Elimination of "he/she" terminology in favor of gender-neutral language;
- Updates to the list of school clubs;
- Dress code, especially the policy related to hats and hoods;
- The production of a video to accompany the Code of Discipline; and
- Updates to the "Technology Acceptable Use" policy.

These items will be discussed at the next meeting.

4 - UPCOMING MEETINGS

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