

HHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

April 27, 2022 (5 PM) via Zoom

In attendance: Garland, Lee, Mathews, McPhillips, Melendes, Pena, P. Swanson, R. Swanson, Whitlock - 9 total.

Absent: Anderson, Cavanaugh, Davis, Hoguet, Jefford, Knight, Lefort, Rabinovitz, Struzziero, Sutton - 10 total.

1 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

2 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #2 (“ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP”)

JM and PS reviewed highlights of Green Week (April 11th - 14th) at HHS, such as:

- Guest speakers, including meteorologist Michael Page (HHS ‘09) and representatives of Hingham NetZero;
- Collaboration with Holly Hill Farm;
- Installation of new garden beds in the courtyard;
- Cleanup and renovation of the compost area;
- Establishment of a new loaner system for compost sifters built in the HHS wood shop; and
- Good participation of teachers from various departments.

Suggestions for improvement and future attention include:

- Return to compostable trays in the school cafeteria;
- Publicity for compost and recycling efforts, ideally with a “Friday Show” segment; and
- New signage on compost and recycling stations.

3 - STUDENT HANDBOOK

Members agreed that HHS should: 1) eliminate “he/she” terminology in favor of gender-neutral language; and 2) allow students to wear hats and hoods. Members also recommended 1) updating the “Technology Acceptable Use” policy (GG will bring a specific recommendation to the next meeting); and 2) “modernizing” the “Academic Integrity” section (JL will elaborate next time). The Council will revisit these items at the next meeting.

4 - UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next HHS School Council meetings: 5/17 & 6/15