

# HHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

*March 20, 2024 (5 PM) in the HHS library and via Zoom*

## ATTENDANCE

Council members present: R. Besser, G. Blidner, G. Lafond, A. Lefort, S. O'Horo, K. Sutton, and R. Swanson (7 total).

Absent: L. Accettella, G. Garland, J. Lee, K. Manning, J. Mathews, P. Swanson, A. Varholak, and I. Whitlock. (8 total)

## 1 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the last meeting (February) were tabled, since we lacked a quorum.

## 2 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #2 (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

Key points from the discussion:

- KS will meet with LA to discuss the pursuit of a grant to compensate the faculty advisor.
- We should get assurance from the district's legal counsel that we'll be on safe ground in terms of liability with the website.
- Mr. Louchheim, the social studies teacher who coordinates the annual Harbormen Helping Hingham Day, would be a strong candidate to serve as the first community service advisor.

## 3 - SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #5 (SCHOOL CULTURE)

Key points from the discussion about the course selection process:

- Communication from HMS and HHS was strong.
- The "Sunday deadline" was helpful.
- Students expressed a desire for "an easier path from Level 3 to Level 2 in math."

- The annual Program of Studies Night was effective, especially for parents of eighth grade students.

Key points from the discussion about the Unity Project's plans for an "Adelia Week" later this spring:

- "Merch sales" (e.g., stickers, bracelets, etc.) could be lucrative.
- A new wall mural (perhaps highlighting Paris) could be galvanizing for the school.
- Classes could consider a gift, such as a bench in her honor.
- Additional efforts in the Square could help to raise awareness and funds.
- The PTO could promote the program in its "Good News" section.
- Fundraising (e.g., a bake sale) at Town Meeting could also be effective.
- The effort should perhaps extend beyond one week.

#### **4 - ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP (SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOAL #4)**

The HHS Green Team is planning its annual Green Week (4/22 - 4/26), which will include a chalk mural, daily announcements, and the planting of bulbs.

#### **5 - UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Next HHS School Council meetings: 4/24, 5/15, and 6/12