

School Council Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2022
Administrative Conference Room

2:30 PM

Attending: Derek Smith (via Zoom), Kerry Ni, Katie Carolan, Laura Accettella, Scott McDaniel,

Jen Driscoll, Brett Johnson, Megan McCusker

- **Welcome and Introductions of New Members**
- **Approval of October 27, 2022 Minutes**
 - **Can Minutes be posted on the website?**
- **School Updates**
 - **Difficult month w/recent tragedy, HMS community really supportive of each other. Hingham community was helpful as well**
 - **Veteran's Day breakfast and assembly very successful. Everyone in HMS involved. Great response from the veterans. Kudos to Jen Driscoll**
 - **Spirit Week was a fun lead up to Thanksgiving**
 - **Revisiting OpenSciEd. Discussed in the HMS Connection. Is the returning science curriculum from the past years still on the website?**
 - **Bulletin board for the after school activities in the works**
 - **Keep track of numbers involved in after school activities to support the demand for them**
- **Parent Updates**
 - **Parents and students were thrilled with the Veteran's Day festivities**
 - **Honor Roll policy?**
 - **Moved away from it a long while ago**
 - **Other ways to celebrate student successes**
 - **Similar to awarding perfect attendance, seems updated**
 - **National Honor's Society idea in Scituate. Does it fit our school's values?**
- **Community Updates**
 - **Holiday book sale in Library lobby (wide age range, cheap prices)**
 - **Tutorials/Webinars available for research databases**
- **School Committee Updates**
 - **Pilot strings program (KAA)**
 - **Pre-K Spanish immersion program at Foster**

- PRS and South school improvement plans
- Working on town-wide mental health awareness team
- **Budget Updates**
 - Meeting advisory committee and selectmen with legal requirements for override
 - Level services (existing services plus rising costs) proposal vs level funding (funds stay the same so cuts that would be made due to rising costs)
 - Level service would require an override due to rising costs including 14% increase in out-of-district school placement costs (easily highest increase ever) , rising fuel costs, and additional staff to assist with academic and social/emotional recovery from the pandemic
- **Review of Proposed School Council Goals/School Committee Presentation**
 - Meeting (Zoom link available) for presentation. Broad stroke of the goals established for this year, aligned with town's strategic plan and initiatives
- **HMS Student Handbook Evaluation Progress**
 - Legally speaking, we are in line with exception of the language with student discipline and students with disabilities
 - Attendance policy - HMS solidly average in student attendance
 - Should we examine other district handbooks to help evaluate our own?
 - Wait to edit until January meeting in order to make a more detailed plan for revising the handbook; give Derek time to note which sections should stay/be revised/be reorganized/be removed
 - Handbook will eventually be in the front of the agenda book and online

General Business and Items Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance

Adjournment

PROPOSED AGENDA:

School Council Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2022
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2:30 PM

Attending: Welcome and Introductions of New Members

- **Approval of October 27, 2022 Minutes**
 - **Approval of November 28, 2022 minutes**
 - **School Updates**
 - **Parent Updates**
 - **Community Update**
 - **School Committee Update**
 - **Budget**
 - **Activity Fee assessment (\$\$ taken in)**
 - **HMS Student Handbook Evaluation Process**

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