

Hingham School Committee
Joint Meeting with Student Advisory Committee ("SAC")
May 5, 2022
6:00PM

Held remotely via zoom

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02PM by Kerry Ni

School Committee Members present: Kerry Ni, Michelle Ayer, Liza O'Reilly, Tim Dempsey

Student Advisory Members present: Elijah Webber, Nathan Tessler, Beatrix Boer

Faculty Advisor present: Lea Viola

2. To hear an update from the Student Advisory Committee (SAC):

Kerry Ni thanked the SAC and advisor, Lea Viola, for their commitment and energy serving on the SAC and their role advising the School Committee on items impacting HPS students

Elijah Webber inquired about the newly forming Human Rights Commission. Kerry Ni replied that the appointment of members is still in process and the student candidate has been confirmed.

Elijah Webber and Lea Viola reported that the SAC is formalizing voting procedures and the role of the committee members for next school year

They further reported that elections for the 2022/2023 SAC will be held along with the class officer election in mid-June. The next SAC chair, who serves as the student representative to the School Committee will be elected by the new SAC team.

Nathan Tessler shared information he received on election procedures and member representatives that he learned through his attendance at the State Student Advisory Committee as well as Southeast Regional Student Advisory Committee.

Lea Viola reported that Elijah Webber spoke about the role of the SAC to create awareness of the positions at a recent HHS assembly and his remarks were complimented by students and staff.

Nathan Tessler discussed outreach from HHS student group, Activists United, who are compiling Q&A from the candidates for School Committee to share with HHS students.

Lea Viola noted that the March voter registration drive at HHS had high student participation.

The group discussed steps for next year, including:

- a) School Committee and SAC to mutually create a schedule of meetings for the 2022/2023 school year to include at least once every other month meetings during the school year;
- b) SAC to formalize voting procedures to run for SAC office; the role of chair; and regional and state representatives. Kerry Ni to follow up with MASC representative to assist in the development of the voting procedures to comply with current requirements;
- c) SAC to define roles and responsibilities

Kerry Ni updated the group on Town Meeting approval of the FY22/23 school budget and the addition of several new posted positions, including a district Fine Arts Director.

3. Adjourn

On a motion made by Michelle Ayer and seconded by Liza O'Reilly, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Michelle Ayer