

Site Council Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2017

In Attendance: Kathy Kaczor, Beth Kitsos, Dan Hickey, Sarah Emilio, Dan Faircloth, Karen Szarak, Larry Trevette.

Previous minutes accepted unanimously.

Enrollment in Saturday School continues to rise.
Late Bus use is also increasing. Looking to add a bus on Wednesday as well based on student feedback.

HHS has submitted another application for a Capital Skills grant to bring an Engineering program to HHS. There are a couple of retiring teachers in this subject matter that the school is also interviewing replacements for.

Through their work with the DSAC team, HHS Administration is looking for parent input to create a Stakeholder Survey regarding HHS. Anyone is welcome to submit possible survey questions between now and February 6 for discussion at the February 7 Site Council meeting. [Contact a member of the Site Council with ideas.](#)

Possible question topics posited to date are:

- Should HHS change the cellphone use policy/have a zero use policy on cellphones?
- How can HHS improve the conference experience?
- Would providing transportation for families help conference attendance?
- Would moving conferences to after progress reports be more beneficial to families?

HHS SIP Updates:

Sarah Emilio will be taking training in the ISchool to learn how to set up Google Signups to help facilitate parental involvement in setting their own conference appointments.

Sarah Emilio submitted articles regarding cellphone use by students in support of changing the HHS cellphone use policy. Links to the articles are provided here with notation and were valid as of January 9, 2017:

- [50% teens feel addicted to cell](#)
- [Negative effect on teen health](#)
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- [cell phone linked to depression / anxiety](#)
- [cell phones and school security](#)
- [Boston Public Schools ban on cells](#)
- [\(click on 'Cellphone Policy.docx - Boston Public Schools\)](#)
- [NYC school cell phone policy](#)
- [Lawrence school cell phone policy](#)

Upcoming Events:

- 1 - 3 Senior portal opens through end of January for scholarship applications.
- 1 - 16 No School for Martin Luther King Day.
- 1 - 19 Marks close.
- 1 - 26 Talent Show 6pm Auditorium.

1 - 27 Early Release for students - Staff has Professional Development.
2 - 2 Parent Teacher Conferences.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 3:00 - 4:00