

Site Council Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2016

In Attendance: Kathy Kaczor, Beth Kitsos, Dan Hickey, Sarah Emilio, Sue Spreadborough, Dan Faircloth, Karen Szarak, Nancy Koorapaty.

Previous minutes accepted unanimously.

Enrollment in Saturday School is up and currently approximately 30 students are taking advantage of the program. Tuesday and Thursday there is a late bus for students who have a pass from their teacher that they stayed after for help or an activity. The School Department is working on honing a bus route to best meet the students' needs.

Conference attendance was 10.6 percent overall. The school is looking to do outreach to make sure families know they can find student information on Schoolbrains. Goal for online conference signups but currently the students sign their parents up for times with the teachers. Another goal is for progress reports to be in Schoolbrains.

Feedback from parents at IEP meetings that they don't know how to track students' progress online. The district is looking at further outreach to get more parents enrolled in Schoolbrains.

The language barrier is an issue for many families. Looking at ways to inform the non English speaking populations where they get their news. Also looking for ways to publicize that the HPS web page can be viewed in Spanish.

January will bring tutoring for MCAS with a focus on ELA and Math. Tutoring will be for all students with a goal to move higher achieving students into the Advanced category and struggling students into the Proficient category.

A suggestion was made that the current cell phone policy at HHS needs to be revisited. Some research into the current policy and what other districts have as policy is needed and a committee may be formed to examine this issue.

Beth Kitsos presented the Site Council with copies of a letter she submitted to the Mayor and the School Committee regarding a Facebook posting about Haverhill High School.

Administration is looking for feedback regarding the School Improvement Plan that was given to Site Council at a previous meeting. Any suggestions regarding school improvement are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

12/7 Coffee House

12/8 Progress Reports

12/8 & 12/9 & 12/10 A Christmas Carol

12/15 National Foreign Language Association Induction

12/23 Early Release Day

1/3/2017 Return to School

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 3, 3:00 - 4:00