

The Bromfield School  
School Council Minutes **TUESDAY 2/13/2018**  
Faculty Lounge 3:00 - 4:30pm

**Attendees: Scott Hoffman, Alice Bartram, Ben Myers, Chris Jones, Jesse Xiang, Ellen Sachs Leicher, Colleen Nigzus, Nancy Lancellotti, Karen Strickland, Kate Selig, Jody Specht**

**Vision Statement:** The Harvard Public Schools community, dedicated to educational excellence, guides all students to realize their highest potential by balancing academic achievement with personal well-being in the pursuit of individual dreams. The students engage in learning how to access and apply knowledge, think critically and creatively, and communicate effectively. They develop the confidence and ability to understand diverse perspectives, collaborate, and contribute to their local, national and global communities.

**- Principal's Update**

- Science Rooms are being used!
- Successful Snowflake and Snowball events
- REFRESH & Wellness Day - very successful for both 9-12 and 6-8
- Quiz Bowl - good participation, many students present in support
- Harvard Model UN – Team participated January 25-28; received one award for press coverage.
- Upcoming Events
  - Science Fair - March 2 (need list of projects for planning, judging)
  - Texting Simulator - March 9 (texting while driving)
  - Spirit Week - Pep Rally - March 23
  - DC Trip March 14-17
  - MCAS
  - Rekeying of building during vacation week
  - 2018/19 scheduling is underway.
  - Upcoming service trip to New Orleans over February break
  - Upcoming Model UN trip to NY during break

**- School Committee Update**

- D Day Trip - observe 75th anniversary, full program, June 2-11, 2019, approx \$4000, maximum 24 students + chaperones (issues with overlap of HS graduation and missing 5 days of class)
- Challenge Day - in-school program to promote better interactions and bonding of 8th grade students
- The Cable TV program is working well, its use expanded to include elementary
- Pre-school will be expanded to a full day program beginning fall 2018.

- Club participation - Good information is about new clubs at Bromfield, but students need more information about specifics such as when/where clubs meet.
  
- **Sub-Committee Updates**
  - **Climate Sub-Committee**
    - Shorter Surveys - 20 - 25 questions
    - Need to schedule time for School Committee Recap of last year.
    - Next meeting will be week of 2/26-3/2
  
  - **Balance Sub-Committee**
    - January 18, 3pm first meeting, asking questions:
      - What is balance?
      - How is it achieved?
      - What is the school's responsibility to achieve balance?
      - Are students in charge of creating balance? Are students aware of the pressures that they are facing? What type of choices do they make?
      - Are graduates prepared for real life? Who is responsible?
      - Answers to some of these questions?
  
  - **Career Sub-Committee**
    - January 19 meeting with Guidance confirmed approach, placed priority on Reality Fair
    - Presenting to Ayer/Shirley/Harvard Rotary at meeting on 2/22 (Bull Run) with goal to hold fair for 10th grade by year end.
    - NRHS Reality Fair - April 6th
  
- **Middle School Wellness** - Let people opt their children out of sex ed
  
- **Choose article to discuss in March? Chris will send to us. Jodi will send YouTube video**
  
- **New Business - Please send items to Scott or Colleen –**
  - Fall Buddhism, Hinduism discussions; Arm in Arm - conference on personal identity was well received; cultural evening - dances done by different ethnic and nationality groups?

**Ben Myers**  
**Secretary, Harvard School Council**