

## The Bromfield School

### School Council Minutes

WEDNESDAY, October 10, 2018 - Faculty Lounge 3PM

**Attendees:** Colleen Nigzus, Ellen Sachs Leicher, Ben Myers, Scott Hoffman, Elena Franklin, Kate Selig, Deb Barton, Vivian Liu, Tiana Jiang, Jessica Finnigan, Chris Jones, Mary Traphagen

**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 Update

- Spirit Days this week
  - Blue and White today
  - Tie-Dye – Thursday, October 11
  - Pink (Breast Cancer Awareness) – Friday, October 12
- Night Games this week!
- Boys Soccer tonight - Wednesday
- Girls Soccer tomorrow – Thursday, October 11 - JV games at 5:00, Varsity games at 7:00
  - Cost \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens
  - Games at Harvard Park
- Field Hockey Friday - Field Hockey Field
  - JV 5:00, Varsity 6:30
  - Free admission
- Girls and Boys Varsity Doubleheader on Saturday night at Harvard Park
  - Girls at 5:00, Boys at 7:00
  - \$5 for adults, \$3 for students/senior citizens
- School Improvement Plan - October 29th presentation to school committee
- Thursday Night - Guidance MEFA Financial Aid Night 6:30 in Library
- School Picture Retakes - October 29
- Individual MCAS results were sent to parents October 9.
  - did very well overall
  - 96% proficient or better
- Online Parent Teacher Conference Sign-Ups begin October 17
- Trivia Night - October 18; QuizBowl team fund raiser
- SWAT Team honored - October 18
- Minister, Zen Master, Hindu Pandit Walk into...diversity event - October 25

- Grade 7, 8, 9 Dance - October 26
- ALERT! Movie filming downtown Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 5 disrupts traffic patterns.

School Committee Update - Budget in process; level service assumption; capital, staffing, student materials, supplies under consideration; revising Quebec trip.

Balance Committee – How do we accomplish recommendations from Balance Committee?

- Develop a policy that defines parameters of the AP Program (Number and Grade)
  - Scott takes issue to department leader meeting
  - Eventually to faculty, students, and parents.
  - Look at other schools AP policies (Acton-Boxboro, L-S, Concord-Carlisle, Littleton, Bedford, others ) Put topic on agendas of Guidance Group, Principal Meetings.
  - Look to have consensus recommendation by March 1st.
- Add information to Program of Studies about course expectations...homework, group projects, grading expectations...Pass/Fail option as needed, e.g. illness, concussion.
- Homework Policy - survey other comparable schools about limits, etc.
  - Scott to take item to Principal Group; Sara to Guidance Group.
- Valedictorian/Salutatorian – Criteria for selection
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Article Study: [Balance Article](#) (Sent out by Scott on Sunday)

- Take Aways
  - Grow life, not a resume
  - Kids do not just go play outside anymore
  - Colleges look at commitment, not number of activities
  - Students feel pressure.
  - “At What Cost” - Danger of 1 (not only one way to find success-life is messy, you need to adjust).
  - More than one story

Career Committee - Establish date for 2018-2019 Reality Fair; coordinate with Katelyn Russell and establish list of possible days

New Business:

- Multicultural Dance - November 30 Grades 7-9
- Ludo Festival?
- Need to set dates for working meetings of committees. Committee membership lists follow on a separate page.

**Meetings for 2018-19**

November 14

December 12

January 9

February 13

**March 13** (Conflict with DC trip, need to change)

April 10

May 15

June 12

Ben Myers

Secretary, Bromfield School Council

**The Bromfield School Council**  
**Committee Membership 2018-2019**

**Balance Committee**

- Tiana Jiang
- Vivian Liu
- Kate Selig
- Jessica Finnigan
- Chris Jones
- Karen Strickland
- Sharon Cronin
- Trish Nilan
- Katy Covino
- Deb Barton

**Career Committee**

- Ben Myers
- Karen Strickland
- Jessica Finnigan

**Climate Committee**

- Jessica Finnigan
- Ellen Sachs Leicher
- Sharon Cronin
- Scott Hoffman
- Deb Barton

**Handbook Committee**

- Colleen Nigzus
- Karen Strickland
- Trish Nilan
- Elena Franklin
- Scott Hoffman