

The Bromfield School
School Council Minutes
Tuesday, January, 9, 2018
Faculty Lounge 3:00 - 4:30pm

Attendees: Scott Hoffman, Ellen Sachs Leicher, Karen Strickland, Ben Myers, Chris Jones, Jodie Specht, Karen Strickland, Kate Selig, Nancy Lancellotti, Sharon Cronin

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

- Olivia Ren - Grade 8 Project 351 Representative
- Rebecca Li - Worcester County Superintendent's Association Scholar
- Speech and Debate Team continues to excel.
- Film director Teja Arboleda visited on January 8th to speak about diversity; There was an assembly and over 20 students and 3 staff spoke to him. He will return to present his film about diversity.
- The Bromfield Quiz Team is going to taping of WGBH High School Quiz Show. We are one of 16 teams that qualified (95 teams competed). Team plays Belmont at 10:30 on January 20th - free tickets and parking!
- Youth Risk Survey Results will be presented to parents and other interested parties on January 17th at 6:30pm in the library
- Junior College Information Night – Thursday, January 11
- College Admission Panel - Wednesday, January 24th after school at 12:30pm
- Parent to Parent College Night - Thursday, January 25th
- Snowflake Dance - Friday, January 19th - Grades 7 and 8
- MLK Day-Monday, January 15 and Teacher Professional Development-Tuesday, January 16 - no school
- February 7th - Refresh Day - 9-12, Wellness Day 6-8 - confirmed clinical social worker Rick Irving
- Science Room renovation is progressing! Walls painted, cement finished, flooring this week. Furniture delivery on Monday, January 14th.

- School Committee

- Developing flow chart for Harrassment Policy
- Budget reduction by \$100,000 approved by School Committee
 - Increase Devens Offset

- Reduce summer professional development stipend pool by \$15,000
- Savings from Athletics Director stipend
- Do not increase Special Education position at HES. Can support needs with current personnel.
- **Sub-Committee Updates**
 - **Climate** – Key points from survey of class of 2017 “More freedom.” More access to technology. Amount of homework is an issue. Climate survey alternate years? Reduce number of questions to make it easier to respond? Need to explain how results are interpreted and used.
 - **Balance** - January 18, 3pm first meeting
 - 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?
 - **Career** - Initial meeting January 2nd. Meet with Bromfield guidance Jan 10th, 2:45pm to validate approach, discuss possible projects.
- Goal of School Council - Review School Improvement Plan
- Middle School Wellness
- New Business - Please send to Scott or Colleen

Ben Myers
 Secretary, Bromfield School Council