

The Bromfield School  
School Council Minutes  
Tuesday, March 20, 2018, Faculty Lunch Room 3:00pm

Attendees: Robin Benoit, Alice Bartram, Ellen Sachs-Leicher, Ben Myers, Sharon Cronin, Coleen Nigzus, Chris Jones, Jessie Xiang, Nancy Lancellotti, Patricia Nilan, Scott Hoffman, Ariel Sclar

**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**

- **Scheduling for 2018-2019 has begun; eligibility for honors, AP under consideration**
- **Youth Risk Survey postponed due to storm; last Monday**
- **Texting Simulator and Assembly, March 9, for grades 9 thru 12**
- **SADD Dance, March 9**
- **SBIRT screening (state mandated for substance abuse, 7th & 10th grade)**
- **Washington DC Trip, March 14th-17th**
- **Weather - Last Day of School is currently June 20 (we have used 5 snow days)**
- **MCAS Tests occurring next week-Grade 10 ELA; Grade 6, 7, and 8, April 10 and 11 - Computer Testing**
- **NHS - Induction date may be rescheduled to March 29 due to weather**
- **Walkout in support of Parkland - orderly and safe; forms to write congressmen and to pre-register to vote available all week in cafeteria. Ninth graders on DC trip also protested with 17 minutes of silence.**

- **Committee Reports**

- **School Committee - reviewed 21 policies covering its operation; policies reviewed every two years**
- **Proposal to use Devens \$\$ to support school replacement, \$250,000/yr tabled until next meeting.**

- **Climate - Surveys in draft form on-line; much shorter. They cover guidance, technology, safety, health/wellness. Approximately 30 questions for parents, 40 for students.**
  
- **Balance - College application process - standard form re. Academic rigor selection not rated by guidance; 5 “balance” categories identified for further discussion and recommendation to entire council: middle school health/wellness; add balance materials; max # AP courses/year & grade eligibility; collect homework policies from other school districts; evaluate compatibility of valedictorian/salutatorian w/ vision statement and not ranking our students.**
  
- **Career – The Bromfield Reality fair still needs a firm date from the school administration to put the project into motion. Nashoba Rotary has provided extensive collateral materials as basis for Bromfield’s own. Ayer-Shirley-Harvard Rotary has lined up Main Street Bank and Gervais Ford as sponsors. Other volunteers can only be solicited once a firm date for the even is established.**
  
  
- **Discussion about Article and Video – Chapter from Gladwell book about choosing a college with a good fit. YouTube video by La Cañada High School (CA) students about their hopes, fears and stresses in their lives.**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzTU3SJo5zk&disable\\_polymer=true](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzTU3SJo5zk&disable_polymer=true)

**Ben Myers**  
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