

Bromfield School Council Minutes
WEDNESDAY, February 13, 2019
Faculty Lounge 3PM

Members Present: Scott Hoffman, Elena Franklin, Ben Myers, Chris Jones, Deb Barton, Sharon Cronin, Kate Selig, Vivian Liu

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 Report:

The school Help Line is now a shortcut on Bromfield web site to facilitate use.
Model UN - great Harvard Conference; heading to DC on February 14.
NOLA Trip - Ms. Nilan, Mrs. Nigzus, and Mr. Tabor taking 26 students-left today.
Newspaper "The Mirror" published – The content brought about good meetings with students about school issues.
Great JAZZ NIGHT- February 1
Fifteen (15) students were accepted into Jr. District Chorus and Band, a record number.
One student was nominated to the all-state chorus.
Drama – School production of "Lion King Jr" received six (6) acting awards and stellar reviews
Bromfield is hosting the first round of the Drama Festival
Snow Ball - Very nice event
Report Cards for the second term are out
The boys basketball qualified for the Clark Tournament
The girls indoor track team won Districts!
The annual Science Fair is set for March 8
The school has three (3) National Merit finalists.
Vacation Week, February 18-22
Massachusetts Business Professionals of America Conference, March 2-4
Opioid Speaker March 5, 7-9pm, co-sponsor with Harvard Board of Health
The 9th grade DC trip is scheduled for March 13-16

School Committee Report:

The 2019-2020 district budget is in process for town approval

Subcommittee Updates:

- Balance - What are opinions of department leaders regarding AP courses? Scott needs to compile data about the number of students taking 3 or more AP courses. David Gleason (author "At What Cost?") is available for a fee to do three-hour presentation to faculty and does community presentation as well. Need to provide comparison between AP and Honors course content. STEM AP courses have almost no hands-on or lab work, honors courses do. How do social media affect homework time? More interruptions prolong the time needed to complete homework. Program of studies - teachers specify reading and writing rigor; ask students how much work each night. School Council Survey
- Career - Date for reality fair? SCOTT NEEDS TO DETERMINE THIS DATE FOR NEXT MEETING!!! This year's fair will cover both 10th and 12th grade, and require more volunteers.
- Climate - Twice; Add question about mentor opportunities with Bromfield graduates. Topics of conversation; when meet; talk to Drew Skrocki and get YRSB Data for next meeting which is March 5th.
- Handbook - No meeting this past month;

New Business:

Review the SIP Progress.

Review Yearly Progress

Diversity/Inclusion Update and Plan

YRBS Update - March 20th from Drew Skrocki. Plan for SC Presentation. Plan for Community Presentation.

School Drop-Off Procedures? Change?

Substitute school council secretary is needed for March 20 meeting, because secretary will be traveling out of the country.

Meetings for the rest of 2018-19: March 20, April 10, May 15, June 12.

Ben Myers
Secretary, Bromfield School Council