

**Bromfield School Council Minutes**  
**September 26, 2018, 3pm, Faculty Lounge**

**Attendees: Nilan, Selig, Hoffman, Jones, Barton, Leicher, Strickland, Nigzus, Myers, Traphagen, Cronin, Liu, Jiang, Finnigan**

**Missing: Covino, Franklin**

**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.

**Introductions**

- Officers selected by unanimous consent
- Co-Chair - Colleen Nigzus
- Secretary - Ben Myers

**Principal Update**

- Opening of school year was smooth. The new scheduling procedure was less demanding on the guidance team.
- Building cleaning is improved with in-house cleaning, no longer contracted out. We are working out the kinks in the system.
- Parking is ok
- Senior Privileges start on Friday, September 28.
- ATrojan - music, and decorations were a big hit.
- Opening Assembly worked well; students spoke.
- Themes for school year: Safe Learning Environment, Support Engaged Teaching and Learning, Activate Community Pride
- Our first evacuation drill was successful, fastest ever.
- Lion King Jr is cast and is moving forward with rehearsals.
- Finishing touches are in process for the science room. Final move-in to prep rooms is soon.
- School Pictures went well-Make up day October 29
- Senior Parent College Night went well.
- The welcome to Bromfield for 6<sup>th</sup> graders was great fun.
- Mini Club Fair at Lunches to publicize various school club activities.
- Bromfield is a Gold Medal School; #8 in Boston Magazine
- Bromfield has numerous commended students; three semi-finalists - National Merit Program-based on PSAT's; seven commended scholars
- There are numerous field trips planned soon...Old Sturbridge Village, Monty Tech and Mt. Watatic, Biotech Futures
- Challenge day for 8th graders is November 15th

- Budget season is already upon us!
  - Building and Furniture, Curriculum, Textbooks, Faculty and Program under review

School Committee Update - Need \$ for added TV programming/production. Capital budget for FY20 and beyond has been proposed. Redo plantings in courtyard by either student garden club or Harvard Garden Club.

#### Subcommittee Update and Members

- Handbook - Vaping remains a serious issue - teachers communicate with each other about visiting bathrooms.
- Climate -
- Balance - 90 to 120 minutes nightly is the homework goal
- Career – Successful Reality Fair in 2018 will be repeated. Ongoing investigation about how to involve Bromfield alumni, both current college students and people in careers, in talking to current students about career and college choices.
- Me Too Movement - Training all parties about responsibilities. Staff Training - Scott will bring to Leadership Meeting.
- Members need to volunteer to serve on at least one subcommittee, more if time allows.

#### Reflections

- Looking at past initiatives - progress, updates, next steps

Homework - Communication is key among teachers, students, parents.

“At What Cost?” by David Gleason is recommended for all the committee to read. Scott will get copies.

Narrow it down. Five items...Clearer Action Items

School Improvement Plan Review and Update - Add Kate Selig’s name to Handbook.

#### **New Business -**

Diversity - Religious Panel - October 25? Volunteers Hall

Multi-Cultural Dance Sponsored by Sophomores.

Boston Globe - Spotlight Team - Racism Article

Parent to Parent Night - December.

#### **School Council Meeting Calendar for 2018-19**

October 10, November 14, December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13, April 10, May 15, June 12

Ben Myers, Secretary, Bromfield School Council

