

The Bromfield School  
School Council Minutes, October 17, 2017  
Faculty Lounge 3:00 - 4:30pm

**Attendees:** Scott Hoffman, Arielle Sclar, Ellen Leicher, Deb Barton, Chris Jones, Nancy Lancellotti, Karen Strickland, Ben Myers, Alice Bartram, Jodi Specht, Colleen Nigzus, Jessie Jiang

**Missing:** Trish Nilan, Kate Selig, Elena Franklin, 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**

- School Improvement Plan approved - update on School Committee suggestions
- School Picture Day went smoothly
- Open House, September 28
- Teacher conference sign-ups open tomorrow
- Mid-point of term has passed; Grades close on November 3rd
- Work on Critical Thinking Skills began in September, will continue Thursday.
- Budget Season is upon us with earlier deadlines; level service planning assumption, replace/refurbish items in need; science room work slow but on-going; possible HVAC improvements
- Getting ready to show Screenagers to public; staff previews
- First night soccer games ever in Harvard - Kudos to Dave Boisvert, teams, and community
- MCAS results will be public tomorrow, different tests and norms, grades 3-8
- The grade 7-9 dance will be October 27
- The eighth grade had recent outings to Sturbridge, Monty Tech, and Mount Watatic.
- An In-Place Drill with police dogs today found nothing suspect.

- **School Committee Update**

- Reviewed school improvement plans
- Communication (develop communication plan) and student achievement subcommittees formed

- **Possible Sub-Committees for 2017-2018**
  - Climate-Examine Survey Results; Create next survey
  - Handbook - Sharpen up policy for absences and tardies
  - Other possibilities (list compiled by Colleen)
    - Space Issue (use of space in building)
    - Critical Thinking Skills (Review of faculty work by this group)
    - Career Inspiration - Alice and Deb - Career Day? Job Fair?
    - Advisory
    - Communications
    - AP/Graduation Requirements
    - Reflection
    - Strategic Planning
    - Wellness
    - Homework policy vs student stress
  
- **2017-18 Committees (Members respond with ones in which they will take part)**
  - Climate
  - Handbook
  - Career Inspiration
  - Balance Committee
  
- **Budget**
  - Level Service
  - Needs and Wants

- **Other**

Oct 24, 7pm, Volunteers Hall, Rabbi, Priest, Imam

Nov 6, 6pm, Acton Boxborough Regional High School Cafeteria, STEM Fair

Parent-to-Parent College Night, late January

Provide PDF for Oct 15 NYT Sunday Magazine article re. Extreme student stress

**The next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2017 + two topics**

- National Youth Risk Survey Results
- Budget

Adjourned, 4:30pm

Ben Myers, Secretary