

## The Bromfield School

School Council Minutes. Tuesday, July 17, 2018  
Faculty Lounge, 9AM

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**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**

**Cleaning the school and improvements to the science rooms, auditorium, flooring, bathrooms are taking place over the summer.**

**Cleaning and building maintenance are now done by our own people instead of outsourcing.**

**Scheduling – master schedule for 2018-2019 is nearly complete. A hard deadline will be set for students who petition for other courses, e.g. AP instead of honors. Guidance will make appointments for students who need to discuss schedules.**

### **School Committee Update**

**School improvement plan was presented to the school committee and accepted**

### **Sub-Committee Updates**

- Climate – Student insights good; Climate committee is meeting again to prepare results to share, sooner this year than in past years. Areas that were noted: balance and the amount of homework and it's impact, vaping, improvements in guidance, safety (national school violence may have raised some red flags), each student having an adult they identify with in the building and others. Will bring back to next Council meeting
- Balance – Planning / time mgt are essential skills for students. Discussed ways of meeting these needs and how to help the students. There is an issue of students planning their daily schedules versus teachers putting schedules into Google docs and therefore the students not owning it.
- Career – Reality Fair was very successful & wrapped up, ready for next year. Committee to consider what else could be done
- **Student handbook revision - Next meeting, Thursday, 7/19/18; Need to consider how to address vaping and how it should be addressed in the handbook.**

**School Improvement Plan reviewed, discussed critical thinking skills, how these have been revised, and how use of student portfolios would be one way of incorporating these skills throughout the high school years.**

**New Business - Council will reinstitute the “reflections” piece into the meetings so that it can look back on decisions made and what their impact or outcome has been.**

**Meeting adjourned 11am.**

**Ben Myers**

**Secretary, Bromfield School Council**