

Duxbury Middle School School Council Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022

Attendance:

Sarah McGuire - DMS Principal yes
~~Allyson Frazier - Parent~~
Cheryl Gleason- Parent
Rachel Ezell- Parent yes
~~Brigid Wall - Parent~~
Nick Stott- Faculty
Jackson Taylor- Student yes
~~Lalitha Krishnan - Parent~~
Linda Moriarty- Community Member yes

Minutes Approval

- February 17, 2022

School Update (DMS)

- Mask flexibility update
- Course selection upon us
 - Grade 8- was a lot about upper level grades
 - Could do more to market DHS vs private school
 - Include families in those conversations
 - Electives?
 - Leveling decisions - how they happen
 - Program of studies sooner
 - Grade 6 and 7
 - Grade 5
 - Student responsibilities
 - Vs parent responsibilities
 - Life at DMS

Handbook Adjustments

- Feedback from staff, students, School Council
- Review of proposed language from DEI committee
 - Accept as is
- Review of proposed language from Instructional Tech Dept
 - Accept as is
- Review of proposed language from Darkness to Light review
 - Accept as is
 - Consider adding more information on volunteers
- Review of student ideas
 - Gum chewing guidelines
 - Gum chewing until it is a distraction
 - Adjust language around gum
- Cell phone rule - more open in lunch

- It isn't enforced
 - Should be more specific
- Co-Curricular expectations adjustment
 - Co-curricular activities are available ONLY to DMS students in good standing.
 - Exceptions may include: a) alumni games, b) younger students in the Duxbury Public Schools, special needs students whose tuition is paid by Duxbury Public Schools, faculty, alumni and adult residents who may perform in concerts or plays in fill-in or minor roles.
 - A DMS student must be in good standing to participate.
- Considerations for broad messaging and use of handbook
 - Go back to assigning a department to cover the handbook in the beginning of the year
 - Rules language prefaced with purpose statement- safety, support, security
- Ms. McGuire will create proposed language edits for next meeting's review

Next Meeting: April 12, 2022