

APPROVED MINUTES OF DHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday, March 22, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 5:02pm
MEMBERS PRESENT: Parents: Joe Lamothe (Co-Chair), Kristin Rappe, Coleen Slocum,
Ashley Stehn, Jessica Manning
Community member: Vicky Anderson
Faculty:
Students: James Donohue, Abby Manning
Ex-Officio non-voting: Andrew Stephens, DHS Principal
Absent: Kate Bonneau, Dave Maimaron, Brandon Josselyn, Dave Scott

1. **Approval of minutes:** 3-1-17 minutes approved with one clarification with regard to discussion on publishing the honor roll: add "highlighting other means of celebrating success" (James D) Motions: 1st Coleen; 2nd Vicky
2. **Public Comment:** 4 citizens attended. Gregg Morris informed the council that he is recording the meeting. *As per Open Meeting Law, any person can video/audio record as long as they tell everyone beforehand.* Mr. Morris read a statement regarding his concerns, suggesting that the council be more inclusive of all parents & provide a format for their feedback/ideas. Michael Wood urged council to find a way to videotape council meetings. Drew Thawly suggested a later council meeting time so that more parents could attend. Valerie Fountain shared her concerns/ideas about publishing the honor roll and suggested the same standards of reporting be used for all student activities. Joe L responded that he and the principal are working with the Duxbury Clipper to create a standard.
3. **Old Business:** SIP. (Objectives 1 & 2 completed last meeting.)
 - a. Review & analysis of Objective 3: Coleen suggested incorporating "non-college bound counseling" into SIP. Where does it fit in? Credit for Life? Principal Andrews: non-college counseling should be addressed 1:1. Further discussion by council: should non-college counseling be available in more of a group situation (to be viewed as a different pathway; avoid stigmatizing this choice). "Career Day" suggestion by member of public. Conclusion for SIP: Since Credit for Life has been so successful, continue to build on it. Vicky questioned "globally astute" language in SIP. Explanation by Abby M about how civics lessons are embedded within much of the curriculum.
School Council achieved consensus to recommend Objective 3 to principal for SIP.
 - b. Review & analysis of Objective 4: CSCI data will be returned by mid-April along with national data. Parent conferences will be made longer. Discussion about how to draw parents to "topics of interest" speakers/presentations.
School Council achieved consensus to recommend Objective 4 to principal for SIP.
 - c. Full consensus was reached for the entire SIP.
4. **Other:** DHS is presenting SIP & handbook to School Committee on June 5. The school council will review all changes made by handbook committee at future meeting.
5. **Summary of postponed business** from previous meetings still needing to be addressed at future meeting(s):
 1. **School Improvement Plan development (additional 3/15/17 meeting)**
 2. **Honor Roll discussion (4-5-17 meeting)**
 3. **School Council Chemical Health survey proposal & discussion**
 4. **CSCI Survey Discussion & Feedback**
 5. **Principal report on upcoming 2017-18 class schedule**
 6. **Morning drop off procedures: revisit procedures to increase efficiency?**
Satellite drop off location/lane barricades?
6. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm