

DRAFT MINUTES OF DHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday, April 26, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 5:02pm
MEMBERS PRESENT: Parents: Joe Lamothe (Co-Chair), Kristin Rappe, 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, Coleen Slocum

1. **Approval of minutes:** 3-22-17 minutes approved with no revisions. Motions: 1st Ashley; 2nd Jessica
2. **Public Comment:** 3 citizens attended. Valerie Fountain: suggests better dress code & enforcement. Urged increase # days/yr Jrs can make excused college visits. Suggested creation of Career Fair to present options other than 4 year college, which doesn't suit every student. Gregg Morris: "parade" of graduates good idea for all students. Advocates for removal of "knowingly in the presence of" language from student handbook b/c harmful to students' well-being. Michael Wood wants more transparency by filming meetings so will continue to do so & post online.

3. New Business:

The number of excused college visit days Jr year discussed. The council concluded there is enough flexibility in the 10 unexcused absences allotted/year to manage visits. Administration will address college visit days per case to ensure student success.

Co-curricular fees structure: changes underway by co-curricular group created by superintendent, specifically charging every student \$110 to access clubs. Currently students participating in service organizations do not pay a fee. Organizations, such as elected positions on student council, to possibly remain exempt will be discussed. Council had concerns about students working diligently in service organizations paying fees. Andrew S. noted concerns and will pass along to decision-making parties.

Student Handbook recommended changes were reviewed in detail and consensus was reached on all changes with 2 exceptions: inconsistent language about smoking (Kristin R suggested modification) and the co-curricular fee structure as noted above.

School Council meeting time topic was moved to next meeting to be discussed (Motion: Kristin R)

4. Principal's Report:

Budget: Projected cuts will encompass PSATs no longer being given to students at school and staff reduction by the amount of blocks equal to 2 full time teachers, i.e. 2 less teachers. Andrew S is still in discussion with department heads.

CSCI data being compiled to use next fall for shaping SIP.

New service event in Duxbury June 18 with "recognition rally"

5. Old Business to be discussed at next meeting:

- *Chemical Health summary: Andrew S will provide # of students ticketed for alcohol by police and # of students who have had hearings. School Council Chemical Health Survey proposal?
- *CSCI Survey Discussion & Feedback
- *Athletic Handbook changes
- *Honor Roll "Preamble" wording for Clipper
- *Principal feedback about finalized 2017-2018 class offerings
- *Morning drop off procedures: revisit procedures to increase efficiency? Satellite drop off location/lane barricades?

6. Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm