

School Council 10/7 Meeting Minutes

Present: Scott Kellett, Amy Lam, Irene Wieder, Lorelai Randa, Joelle Sobin, Wendy Lutz, Julie McKee, Anita Sebastian

Elect co-chair: committee elected Lorelai Randa as co-chair

Elect secretary: committee elected Wendy Lutz as secretary

Meeting Time: the committee decided to meet the first Monday of every month, 3:00pm, going forward. Scott will formally send the dates

Handbook:

Discussion about the particulars of the handbook and the challenges of matching to connect to address modern times.

Copies of handbook made available to committee members via email attachment

There was a question about the process and input venue for making changes to handbook.

We discussed the possibility of an email blast to parents and survey for faculty input for suggestions or google forms or survey to measure who's read it. Also discussed having students provide feedback in student council particularly w social media. Scott will reach out to Janel and Jason.

Suggestion of targeting focus areas to collect feedback, particularly around social media and dress code.

Discussed the language of the handbook, will try to scan other examples for info on setup and language.

School improvement Plan (SIP):

Sent to community in the spring and copied for this committee for perusal.

Reviewed SIP-- Scott highlighted the timeliness of a focus area 5 re safety procedures, given the bomb and shooting threats to area schools.

Scott suggested the possibility that we send out the community the SIP for suggestions, feedback, maybe with a link to a survey. Maybe a good thing to do soon.

Some discussion about the schedule element of the SIP, with details about the challenges and goals behind aligning with the high school (sharing staff, opening up hs classes to advanced students)

Schedule Update:

Studied and discussed some proposed schedule drafts (5 different ideas, including the high school schedule)

These are being discussed in the scheduling committee and were mentioned FYI

MS Athletics:

Mention of a request for ms baseball team

If this went through, would need to be balanced with gender and other athletic options

Unofficial consensus was that there is such competition from town and club sports

Also costs with transportation, insurance, liability

Other Business

Brief mention of the school start committee work

Discussion will take place tonight at school committee

Meeting Adjourned: 5:05pm

Respectfully Submitted (and with apologies for spelling and grammar mistakes), Wendy Lutz