School Governance Council
February 26, 2019
Minutes

Attendance:

Approve minutes from last meeting:
- Approved

Excellence in Education
- Multiple nominations
- Multiple nominations for same person
- Students can’t vote - Scott tie breaker
- Non certified staff member - Connie Libertino
- Certified staff member - Nicole Stockfish
- Dinner 4/25 @ Shore and Country Club

Comprehensive School Climate Inventory
- Survey given out to staff, students and parents
- 2017-2018
  - 154 parents filled out the survey (~9%)
  - Students were 50%
  - Staff was 86%
- Staff completed the survey at faculty meeting
- Trying to encourage more parents to take it
  - Need to explain the purpose of survey
  - Multiple kids in different schools same questions - same survey
  - 3/13 course selection
  - Pizza and CSCI Night
    - Computers
      - Scott sending follow up email (in bullet points)
      - Reminder in PowerSchool
      - PeachJar
      - Flyer at the play

Budget
- Tabled
- Initial look is that the budget won’t be funded at the full level by the Common Council
- $4 million cut
- BOE found a way to cut $1.9 million and carve $2 million out of this operating budget and carry money over to next year
- BMHS has to spend money before 6/30
  - Learning Commons Furniture (~$120K)
  - Updating Weight Room (?)
    - Is the Weight Room open to anybody?

Black Bridge Motor Program
- 40 kids interested
- Two prong approach
- 4-5 hour per week starting at the end of March- students will be at Black Bridge Motor (10-15 kids)
  - Need to do a lottery system
  - Would repeat in fall and spring
  - Ideal is donor donating a non functioning car
- Field trips (any kids who are interested)
  - Visit post secondary schools
  - High skilled metal work
  - Specialized work visits
- Very diverse group of kids

UCONN Report
- $150,000 allocated to fix it for next year
- Needed to figure out the systems
- No smoking gun
- Acknowledgement that there are teachers who are developing symptoms that could be due to the indoor air quality.
- Biggest area of need is that there needs to be an improvement in the circulation of clean air
- CO2 is an issue
  - In some classrooms when the level reached 950 damper came on... changed to 650 so now damper will come on sooner.
- Improve exhaust in classrooms
- Windows need to be opened
  - Screens have been removed
  - Students can ask teachers to open the windows
- Unit ventilators
  - Left side of louvers and some are 6” off the ground need to move them higher off the ground
- 2x a year the filters are changed
- Based on the level of dust the frequency of filter changes need to be increased
  - Duct work needs to be cleaned (they have never been cleaned based on Scott’s knowledge)
- Tunnels are dirty and don’t have ventilation
  - Tunnels have to go under negative pressure (PRIORITY)
- Birds nesting near air intakes
- Better dust remediation
- Audit of air in Gym locker rooms and fitness rooms

State Accountability Report
- Published this week- how schools are evaluated
- High needs- SEC, SPED, minority status
- Category 4 second from bottom
- Last year Category 2
- Overall rating is highest in DRG
  - Disadvantage is lose grant funded Math teacher

Start Time Focus Group reschedule
- March 4th after school for students and evening in CGS for parents

New items
- School clean up Saturday, 4/27 C. Hocker in charge
- New Athletic Director- John Cross
- Publicity/Marketing
  - FB page
    - S. McGurren volunteering
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Good way to spread news
- Lunch debt has gone down by $100
- Review list of “Things to Do” for next meeting
- Need to schedule “Open Meeting”