School Governance Council
March 26, 2019
Minutes

Attendance:

Approve minutes from last meeting:
- Approved

Admissions Scandal (Varsity Blues)
- Not surprising but also unfair
- Perhaps not as common in Norwalk
- Norwalk has more diversity and allows kids to have a better perspective on reality.

Increasing rigor and minimizing stress
- Pull out for plays
- Needs to work on coping with stress
- Nutrition/Water
- End of quarter coping skills with stress
- Test corrections have helped
- Could assessments be on certain days for certain subjects

School Start Time
- Focus group 3/18
  - Heated conversation
  - Parents were surprised that it was brought to the table and it was already happening
  - Numbers only included buses - NOTHING ELSE
  - Already decided on this - when was the vote?
  - Only affecting 4,000 students (high school)
  - Change the way students eat lunch - keep the cafe open all day for students to come and eat as they please
    - Who’s going supervise?
    - More of a college vision of open scheduling
  - Different type of schedule
    - 4x4 block
      - First semester 4 classes 90 minutes everyday
      - Second semester 4 DIFFERENT classes 90 minutes every day
    - Negative impacts is that there would be a year gap similar to “summer slide”
  - Scott met with Dr. A and we are going to be tasked with with an 8:30 start time for 2020 school year
By January 2020 for McMahon to consider if we want to change the school’s schedule (from blocks to periods or other ideas)

- Is this the only research? We spent 2 years researching block schedules and less than a year working on delayed start time?
- Is there GPA studies that support block scheduling?

- Every year we are fighting to save money and now how are we going to find additional funds? What is going to lose out?
- Parents should voice their concerns
- Most teachers do not want to start school at 8:30 but can wrap their head around later start time (8:30 is manageable but 9:15 is not going to work)
- GPA studies from other districts doing delayed start.
- District has 1 day (Thursdays) that they come in late (shortened classes)
  - Students look forward to it
  - Teachers would come to school on time and have PLC and Faculty meetings

Excellence in Education
- 4/25 at Shore and Country $50/person

CSCI Survey
- Students 32.7%
- Staff 94.4%
- Parents 13%(9.23%)

SAT Update
- April 9, 2019
  - Regular start for 11th graders
  - All other students come in at 11:30
  - 4A block only
  - Busses will run for 7:30 start, 11:30 start, 2:15 return home
- April 10 is an A day as well
- SAT Wall by Library Learning Commons for motivation
- Tom O’Neill is working with R. Sabad to work with individual classes that need the help
  - Week before SAT pull students to do individual SAT prep
- Alex Meli (reading specialist) helping Science and Social Studies doing content specific reading questions similar to SAT
- Day of SAT
  - English/SS HOUSE Teacher proctoring first half
  - SS/Math 2nd half of test
  - Purchasing granola bars and juice boxes
  - Open windows
  - English/SS hallway

Budget
- Per pupil allocation and a percentage of that goes to the school
School has a good amount of decision making on how it is spent

- 2018-2019 $655 increase from 2017-2019
  - $1,000,087 increase

- 2019-2020
  - Add additional credit to high school to complete 25 credit program $600K
    - Additional 2.5 teachers
  - Budget goal #3- graduation requirement of 25 credits + classroom
    - 2 full time FTE plus .5
  - Choice Programs
    - Medical Healthcare Academy $200K
    - IB $185K
    - Marine Bio $50K
  - Teachers who teach CGS classes will be paid out of CGS budget
    - 2019-2020 goal is to have all CGS kids in same classes

- Budget Expenditures by Object Code
  - 100 series- People (salaries)
  - 200 series- benefits
  - 300 series- legal/professional/auditing fees
  - 400 series- facilities
  - 500 series- transportation, advertising, printing and binding
  - 600 series- supplies, testing, food services
  - 700 series- equipment (food services)
  - 800 series- dues and memberships

Initiatives for remainder of the year
- 2018-2019 remaining funds
  - **Must spend by June 30th
  - $149K left over
    - $40K set aside to purchase furniture for Library Learning Commons
    - Money will redo the Fitness Center/Weight Room (roughly $40K)
    - $40K for duct inspecting and cleaning
    - $29K left (but is in sub account for right now)
  - $80K left over from other funds

- BMHS Initiatives
  - More water bottle fillers/water fountains
  - Auditorium sound
  - Funding for “what McMahon looks like”
    - Funding from B&N
      - Branding
      - $10K with work for the company
    - Fan app
  - Uniform lettering/logos for the whole school
  - Monitors
    - SSF providing majority of the funding
- McMahon may have to pay for the electrical and data
- 5-65" monitors
  - Front lobby
  - Gym hallway
  - Cafeteria
  - CGS World language intersection
  - Science intersection
    - Pay teachers to come and collaborate

**New Business**
- District SGC Meeting - 4/10/19 5:00 dinner 5:30-8 meeting in CGS
- LipDub 4/12 last hour of school before break
- UCONN Report
  - Scott has meeting next week about UCONN report in order to make it public
  - Knowledge
- Portion of $ back will go to inspecting ducts in building
- 19-20 expenditures
  - Get back to Scott