BMHS School Governance Council (SGC) Minutes
November 15, 2016

In Attendance: Maribeth Becker, Patrick Begos, Bridget Boger, Tom Finn, Scott Hurwitz, Neal Konstantin, Suzanne Koroshetz, Dawn Leeds, David Levinson, James MacDonald, Eileen McNamara, Peter Sommer and Irene Surapine

Absent: Kristen Carrano, Isabelle Hargrove, Robert Kane, and Chad Southerland

Minutes from the October 25, 2016 meeting were accepted.

The SGC members who attended the November 9th workshop reported there was not any new information to pass along. All SGC meeting dates will be posted on our website and we will report in advance that the September meeting of every year is when we discuss the vision, mission, and goals for BMHS. All of our meetings are open to all parents.

We discussed the budget and the impact of our 120 additional students. The SGC had many questions about the number and/or process that was going to be used for our 2017-2018 student population number. The SGC agreed it was important to write a letter to Dr. Adamowski and Tom Hamilton asking questions. Co-President Begos is going to write a draft and ask for input before finalizing the letter. Answers to the question will allow the SGC to be prepared to do our best work once we receive budget preparation information and to make our concerns known prior to the setting of student populations.

Larry Cafero was asked to be our second community member. He was checking to be sure there were no scheduling conflicts with his membership on other boards and that there is no conflict of interest with the Hearing Office work he does with NPS. Suzanne will follow up with Larry before our next meeting.

The commendations and recommendations from BMHS’s NEASC Report were shared. There were no surprises to the school and all of the recommendations were identified by BMHS in our self-study. We were pleased with the commendations. The full report is available on the website. When the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Public Schools gives us our accreditation status based on the visiting team’s report there will be an announcement and explanation posted on our website.

There is great enthusiasm over our Learning Commons work in the library. School staff will work to get student input on improvements they would like in the library. The SGC toured the library before leaving.

Next month’s meeting will include a holiday pot luck dinner. Courses will be assigned by last name.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat and Suzanne