School Governance Council
Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2018

● Attendance

● Approve Minutes from 10/25/18
  ○ Unanimously approved

● Review BMHS Website and locations to find things
  ○ Make it more user friendly
  ○ Trouble figuring out how to get everyone to “read” things
  ○ 15-20% kickbacks in emails
  ○ Learning Commons tab
    ■ Catalogue available
    ■ Can make works cited page
    ■ Can take notes

● New Member Training Review
  ○ We don’t represent our students (demographically)
  ○ Meshed well together based on other conversations
  ○ Conflicts where how much does say does the SGC have versus the BOE

● Victoria- Restroom Repairs Update
  ○ PRIDE Time article
  ○ Most items were fixed (broken seats, broken locks, etc)
  ○ English Hallway- some stalls didn’t close all the way
    ■ Door hung backwards
  ○ Boys room is still in question since we couldn’t find a male to confirm bathroom situation
  ○ Stocking female bathrooms with feminine products?
    ■ Not stocked anymore
    ■ Just make sure Nurse is stocked

● Dress Code Revision - Meeting 12/5
  ○ Handful of committee planning to attend

● Unisex Restrooms
  ○ We have students who do not identify with the gender that they’re born with
  ○ Most other HS’s in the area have a bathroom that is non gender specific
    ■ Most of the time it’s the females converting because there are no urinals
  ○ Unisex bathrooms have to be approved by SGC first
  ○ Most students are using bathrooms they identify with - don’t want them to feel like they’re breaking a “rule”
  ○ Bring to the point of GSA
  ○ Library is already unisex bathroom and nurses office
  ○ Marcy and a student will take a lead on this (one junior and one senior)

● IAQ- UCONN Updates
- 12/14 getting draft report from UCONN
- Few areas of concern
  - CO₂ levels that are too high- too many kids exhaling but not enough circulation
  - Dampers in old building classrooms have been blocked by plywood
  - Need to open the dampers more than 20%
  - Removed screens from all classrooms
- Water infiltration
  - Want to look at what was done with sewage lines when the renovation was done
- Alan Lowe - need to bring him into the conversation
- Have not mentioned mold yet
- Kids are talking about mold in the building
- How much would new unit ventilators cost?
- Facilities will need to help (financially) us after we get the report

- Data Review
  - Edsights website
  - NPS website
    - District
    - Technology
    - Dashboard (also has info)
  - Chronic absenteeism
    - BMHS jumped
    - 15.1% last year
    - 18 or more days of school missed (definition)
      - Out of school suspensions count
  - Accountability Index (17-18)
    - 74.7% BMHS
    - 87.2% CGS
    - Just above state just below district
    - Category 4 (out of 5)

- School Improvement Plan
  - Overview which includes mission of the school and core values
  - Teachers are running focus groups within staff in the building
  - All staff (not just certified) need to be aware of “Vision and Theory of Action”
  - SAT scores in DRG are good, second to Stamford
    - Growth from PSAT to SAT is minimal- how do we fix this?
      - 2 (R-W) and 3 (M) point growth
    - Target 11th grade teachers to figure out how to get more growth
    - Scott mtg with Dawn Leeds to see what happens after the scores come back to improve their scores
    - Students feel overwhelmed- some may get packet days or “SAT Prep” days as the test date gets closer
    - Scores only count for SAT in school not for all other days (for data collection purposes)
- Marcy will check on data for non school days
- Scott will check to see how often schools in our DRG take PSATs
- Should we provide students with snacks? Motivational speeches from proctors?
  - School Priority Goals
    - Support Math instruction for SAT increase by at least 5 points
    - Support R-W instruction for SAT increase by at least 5 points
    - Apply restorative practices to lower the number of suspensions by 100.
- Plan December Potluck
  - Stephanie will make a Google Doc
- New Business
  - New meeting location- Guidance Conference Room?
  - Next meeting 12/11
  - Public Meeting- no date yet perhaps January
  - Manufacturing books
    - Neal
    - For students who may not be college bound
    - Handed out info about manufacturing from Harvard.
    - Tech schools in CT
  - Meeting with Black Bridge Motors
    - Donors will buy a car to have students learn how to rebuild an automobile
    - 3 teachers committed