School Governance Council  
October 30, 2018  
Minutes

- Attendance  

- Approve Minutes from 10/25/18 Meeting  
  - Motion- Neal Konstantin  
  - Second- Tom Finn  
  - Unanimously approved

- Vote for Co-Chair  
  - Parent co-chair- Christine McGee

- Community Member  
  - Steve van Geldern (Christine brought in resume)  
  - Pat Begos  
  - Voted on Steve van Geldern

- New Member Training 11/7/18  
  - Attendees: New SGC Members, Principals & Co-Chairs  
  - Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018  
  - Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
  - Location: Center for Global Studies Community Room

Guest Speakers

- 6:45 LMS – Beverly and J’aime  
  - Plans for Learning Commons
    - Learning commons: Teaching, learning and collaboration take place as an extension of the classroom.  
    - How to access databases, take notes, transfer info  
    - Goal: inquiry, innovation (Makerspace) and community (Norwalk community gets involved ie senior citizens, veterans, etc)
    - Zoning spaces
      - Creative  
      - Collaboration  
      - Quiet  
      - **Requiring the correct furniture and appropriate use of space
    - Planning on painting the rusted color a new color- already painted the classroom  
    - **Layout drafts were provided of the three different “zones”
- Could cost about $200k but there is no money in site based budget.
- Asking for special allocation from a special budget (request from SGC).
  - Naming the Space
    - Proposed that we name the space under Suzanne Brown Koroshetz Library Learning Commons
    - SGC
      - Motion: Neal Konstantin
      - Second: Thomas Seuch
      - Everyone voted-all in favor
  - 7:15 National Honor Society Update on Tutoring
    - New name: ACE
      - Academic Center for Excellence
    - Tutoring just started about 3 weeks ago
      - Math and Science help mostly
      - English and History are also available but not used as much
      - Working on adding foreign language
      - Advertising is an issue
        - Email blast to teachers
        - Advertise to Writing Lab and Math Lab
        - Mention during HOUSE
    - After school
      - M-Tr until 3:15
        - In Guidance Office
          - Move to Learning Commons?
      - Trying to schedule help during Instructional Support
    - Flyer
      - Can send to parents, teachers and students
      - Scott will find money for bus tokens if needed
    - Talk to Dani Brown and Tom O’Neill about incorporating NHS students into Writing and Math Lab
  - 7:30 CYL students (Dress Code update, Student Athletes)
    - Dress Code
      - Begin to creating a more equitable dress code
      - Reviewed revised dress code DRAFT
      - Dress code on district site is from 1998
      - Focus on dress code enforcement in school during this session
      - To change policy we need to reduce to the most important pieces to be proposed
Will need to get approved by the BOE for a district wide policy.
- Subcommittee to meet to review the plan one day after school
- Policy and enforcement need to be separated
  - Athletes Code of Conduct
  - Student Bill of Rights Discussion

School Improvement Plan
- Table to next meeting
- Draft will be sent out
- 3 priorities
  - 2 priorities focus on SAT
  - Suspension rate reduction
  - Chronic absenteeism
- Parent Feedback form
  - Focus on survey
  - Focus on teachers helping students learning from their mistakes.
- Whole School Learning Indicator
  - Student centered
  - Focus on teachers helping students learning from their mistakes.
- **Needs to be completed by the next meeting

IAQ
- Conference call with UCONN (as a follow up)
  - Close courtyard
  - Open windows in classroom
- Trying to find combos of air flow
- Paula S. (from UCONN) says that symptoms are a result of the air quality of the building
- Air coming in, but air not going out (as forcefully)
- Looking at the tunnels and figuring out if there is negative pressure before pulling more air in.
- Water infiltration
- 11/16 Paula is coming back to meet with teachers and to look at other parts of the building
- Plan for them to come back in December with a final plan
- Should send memo to parents and students (will discuss with Paula for Risk Communication)

Misc
- Next meeting is November 27th
• Bathrooms still need to be fixed

• Naming:
  ○ George Albano Press Box
    ■ Motion: Stephanie Tom
    ■ Second: Tom Finn
    ■ Vote: All in favor
  ○ **Spring Ceremony (Scott talk to JM)**