

WHS School Council Minutes – October 2nd

Members in attendance:

Scott Palladino
Chris Gardner
Megan Kashner
Joyce Bacchiocchi
Jill Johnson
Dr. Shaver-Hood
Dr. Schwamb
Cameron Keith

Update on the start of the school year – Mr. Palladino

- Great start to a new school year
- Excited about our new staff
- High school back to 3 lunches with the 8 grade joining WHS lunches are 26 minutes and working well.
- Breakfast in the foyer is working out well.

Update on Clubs

There are over 20 clubs running at this time.

Many opportunities for students to stay after school and get involved in either a club or sport.

Meghan Kashner relied on late busses to get her students home from Best Buddies.

Numbers are low due to not having late busses.

Update on Dual Enrollment, AP and IB

- Juniors that are enrolled in dual enrollment courses at BSU will graduate with 1 year of college already completed.
- Posted banner with juniors names on the AP banner.
- There are 85 sections of IB Courses and 35 of which are taking multiple courses.
- 35 students in the 8th dual enrollment – Mr. Palladino plans on still having meeting times with them to go over grades and seeing how things are going.
- Dual Enrollment students like staying at the High School all day. They can be with their peers compared to last year, where they were separated.
- Students and parents are positive

PSAT Testing

- October 10th – Dual Enrollment students & grade 11 will be testing during the school day as opposed to testing on a Saturday, as most schools test on weekends.
- This test will help identify students that should be taking advanced courses.

All Cape College Fair

- College fair will take place on October 17th at Barnstable High School.
- 11th & 12th graders should be attending this fair.
- Great opportunity for students to see all the different local and national colleges
- No sports will be happening on this day
- Global Connect to remind students

Open House

Mr. Palladino proposed a change in the format of open house due to having 8th grade now at the High school. Parents would follow their child's schedule and go into a classroom for a 10 minute introduction. This would take place of parents standing in long lines to see each teacher.

3-2 vote in favor.

Sophomore College Visits

On October 25th, all sophomores will visit one of the following colleges for the day:

Salve Regina, Bridgewater State College, Stonehill College, UMASS Dartmouth, Wheaton College

The goal of this visit is for student feedback and encourage students to aspire to attend college.

School Improvement Plan

- Dr. Schwamb will present the plan at School Committee on Oct. 25th
- Mainly focus on data. Data shows us moving forward.
- Teacher provided feedback
- Collected surveys from students, teacher and parents. Received 300 back that was good!
- New goals
- Invited all School Council members to the meeting
- MCAS results showing significant improvement. Results met or exceeded.

Mr. Palladino spoke about each of the goals

Scholarship Learning - This group through surveys, utilize data in different ways and meet with students bi-weekly

Scholarship Teaching – Internal PD. Teachers will have a chance to observe each other, in order to learn from their peers. Admin will provide coverage for teachers.

Scholarship Assessment and Accountability – work on grade 8 curriculum to ensure alignment with the High School curriculum

Leadership – Monthly meetings concentrating on 4 areas.

- Mentoring – revamp mentoring, look at freshmen failure rate, get support in place for students. Meet with students every other Wednesday. Put tutoring in place.
- Staff Culture – Best Practice revisions, Celebrating staff birthdays, Viking Club social opportunities.
- Student Culture –
- Awards – Monthly Viking awards, awards ceremony and recognizing students.