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School Council Meeting

April 11, 2023 - 7 a.m.

Invitees: Scott Palladino; Joyce Bacchiocchi; Jill Johnson; Anne Berriault; Lester Smith; Christopher Gardner; Anne Cote; Billie-Jo Bean; Alexandra Bumpus; Asher Hamilton; Meghan Kashner; Jamie Wiksten

In Attendance: Scott Palladino; Alexandra Bumpus; Jill Johnson; Christopher Gardner; Joyce Bacchiocchi; Meghan Kashner

Agenda Item 1 - Approve Meeting Minutes

March meeting minutes were approved 5/0/0

Agenda Item 2 - Report on the Washington DC Trip:

Seventy students attended the trip to Washington DC. A great cross section of students including two with mobility issues. The great thing about Washington DC is that the students who have mobility issues had access to everything.

The schedule was packed, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday. Cherry blossoms were in full bloom, and overall everyone saw all the places and things they wanted to see.

JROTC laid the wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier. Very moving and awesome experience. WHS was the first wreath of the day.

Unfortunately, one of the buses broke down on the way home, and caused a delay of about 6 hours. However, the students and chaperones remained in excellent spirits and there were no additional problems.

WHS hopes to continue this every year - it is a great experience.

"HOME OF THE VIKING SHIPS": Scholarship, Citizenship, Craftsmanship, Leadership and Sportsmanship

Comments/Questions:

Mr. Gardner: Students report that it was a great trip - a lot of fun. 9/11 Memorial was a highlight (at the Pentagon) , a very moving experience. Students also reported that the Zoo was a highlight.

Agenda Item 3 - Report on DESE Visit

DESE visited WHS and had the opportunity to show them various classrooms. They visited classroom levels. We received feedback from them general and specific:

1. Their visit was prompted due to our MCAS scores. They have provided grants due to that and we could bring back Core English and hopefully Core Math with the new grant.
2. Looking to add educational apps and processes, rigorous, high level and individualized.
3. Hired a new teacher who just started, who will be instrumental in initializing changes in curriculum.
4. We will hopefully be listing the Core Math position shortly.

Comments/Questions:

Joyce Bacchiocchi: Is there a timeline, goals etc?

Mr. Palladino: There are some, but ultimately its improved MCAS scores. There are benchmarks and goals, but unfortunately, we have students coming into the school at 3rd and 4th grade levels and they need us to add support to get students at the right level.

Meghan Kashner: Is DESE visiting Elementary and Middle Schools to see why?

Mr. Palladino: Not necessarily. We get visits due to our MCAS scores.

Joyce Bacchiocchi: The focus of the Superintendent is literacy across the entire district.

Agenda Item 4 - ELA MCAS Update

Two weeks ago we had grade 10 ELA MCAS, this week is Grade 8 ELA.

All MCAS testing are online and in classrooms or small group settings - we are no longer having MCAS in the gym, as it may have impacted our overall scores. Twenty seven rooms are being utilized - due to small group IEP plans.

Upcoming testing:

May - Math MCAS

June - Science MCAS

Agenda Item 5 - Proposed Handbook Recommendations

There are three groups who have been reviewing the handbook:

1. Site Based Management - staff
2. Student Advisory Council
3. Advisory Reps

Dress code continues to be a hot button issue. We are currently dealing with questions in the following dress code areas:

1. Heavy coats, gloves, blankets and winter type outdoor attire should not be worn in school.
2. Mid drift - half shirts and crop tops are not "allowed" currently, but they are not being dealt with due to the many issues the Deans are already dealing with.
3. Headscarves and "du-rags" students want these to be added so that they are allowed in school. (The Crow Act of 2022). Students would like to add headscarves and bonnetts as long as they are not bandanas.
4. Adding "vape devices" onto page 24.

Questions/Comments:

There was overall agreement within the group that the mid drift dress code should remain as is.

Agenda Item 6 - Hiring Update

Currently we have three maternity leaves for the upcoming year.

1. Recommendation for a long term substitute for SPED
2. In search of a long term substitute for the French position for May and June.
3. 1 year open position for the French position - we have 2 really good candidates.
4. Chemistry is on a 1 year waiver for this year - we have 1 qualified candidate at this time from the North Shore.
5. 1 SPED teacher due in August will be out all of next year
6. 5 Para positions open. Difficult to fill.

Questions/Comments:

Meghan Kashner: When new teachers come in they are supported. Is there any way we can do something similar for Para's? Is there any way we can support them through additional training - mentorship for them?

Mr. Palladino: There is not a ton of time to meet with them, but we do need to invest in them - a very good idea.

Agenda Item 7 - Important events/senior week schedule

March attendance %

March attendance = 93.4% overall

Grade 8 = 98.8%

Grade 9 = 92.4%

Grade 10 = 91.2%

Grade 11 = 94.7%

Grade 12 = 94.4%

Report cards were sent out April 6, 2023 - Term 3

Upcoming Events:

April 15, 2023 - Wareham Minutemen & Historical Fashion Show

April 17 - 24, 2023 - April Vacation

April 26, 2023 - Career and College Scoop Night

April 28, 2023 - IB Testing Begins

May 1, 2023 - AP Testing Begins

May 4, 5 & 6 - Spring Musical

May 6, 2023 - SAT Testing at WHS

May 10, 2023 - Art Show
May 13, 2023 - Senior Promenade at WHS starts at 4:30 (line up at 4:15)
May 13, 2023 - Prom at the Cape Club, Falmouth, MA
May 16, 2023 - NHS Induction
May 17, 2023 - WHS Spring Concert
May 22 - 26, 2023 - Senior Finals and Exit Interviews
May 23, 2023 - 6:00 p.m. Senior Car Parade - Starts at Merchants Way (Narrows)
May 23, 2023 - NEACAC College Fair Trip
May 25, 2023 - Awards Night for Underclassmen
May 30, 2023 - 10 a.m. Mandatory graduation rehearsal
 11 a.m. Senior Slideshow and Senior BBQ
May 31, 2023 - Class trip to Six Flags
June 1, 2023 - 8 a.m. Senior breakfast @ WHS Cafeteria
 9:45 a.m. send off walk through WPS schools
 6:30 p.m. Senior Academic Awards
June 2, 2023 - Graduation - 6:30 p.m. Spillane Field
June 9 - 14, 2023 - Final Exams
June 15, 2023 - Make up day for exams (½ day)

Next Meeting: May 2, 2023

*Please note that the meeting is scheduled to be a hybrid meeting (in person and via zoom).