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School Council Meeting January 3, 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

Special Invitee: Lisa Cunha for item 4 - DECA

Agenda Item 1 - Approval of December meeting minutes

Minutes were approved 6/0/0

Agenda Item 2 - Final review of WHS Course of Studies

The latest update to the 2023 - 2024 WHS Course of Studies included the Personal Professional Skills was added but did not include the course and description - it is as follows:

XXX Personal & Professional Skills

Grade 9 - 12

The personal and professional skills course is designed to develop attitudes, skills and strategies to be applied to personal and professional situations and contexts now and in the future. In this course the emphasis is on skills development for the workplace and those skills needed to navigate higher education and society, knowing that such skills are transferable and can be applied in a range of situations. The course aims to develop responsibility, appreciation of identity and perspective, and an understanding of the complexity of the modern world. The personal and professional skills course should not only develop skills, but the attributes exemplified in the IB learner profile.

5.0 Credits

WHS Vision of the Graduate Performance Outcome - "C" Communication.

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

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Bacchiocchi - Is this an IB Class? If it is not, why is there a sentence in the description noted as "IB Learner profile".

Mr. Palladino - no, it is not an IB Class, however it is based on the IB principles, will follow-up on a complete answer to that question.

Mr. Palladino - this is being presented to the School Committee on Thursday, January 5, 2023. Hoping it can be approved so WHS can begin the course selection process with students.

Joyce Bacchiocchi - On page 9 - there is an increase from 17.5 to 25 is that correct?

Mr. Palladino - Will look into it and confirm the data and revert back.

Meghan Kashner - Question on Core Math - how is it run?

Mr. Palladino - It is basically an MCAS prep curriculum, heavy on self assessment for any areas of weakness.

Meghan Kashner - there seems to be a heavy reliance on it, and not specific to each student.

Agenda Item 3 - School safety and Navigate 360 program

During the school vacation week, all servers were replaced at WHS and Mr. Palladino took the opportunity to attend a two day Alice Training in NH.

Thirty two district were represented and a big takeaway is that not too many districts are as far ahead in training and planning as Wareham. A number of them have not performed lock down drills etc.

WHS takes safety and security very seriously and is increasing its platform with the addition of Navigate 360.

Navigate 360 owns the Alice platform and WHS has one more training to complete until we go live with teachers and staff being able to initiate a lock down etc. with use of the Navigate 360 app platform.

The platform will bring WHS program to the next level, allowing all pertinent information on procedures, documentation and information to be available at one location (on the app) and allows for swift communication for school safety.

Upper Cape has used this for 3 - 4 years. Its a great program and Mr. Palladino is looking forward to getting it in place.

Questions/Comments:

Meghan Kashner - is there any talk about securing our front doors with two door access?

Mr. Palladino - We are looking into locking the vestibule, with a two set of door entry.

Joyce Bacchiocchi - Has there been any issues getting Alice Training through WPD?

Mr. Palladino - No, it is just good to participate in the training with all the up-to-date changes etc.

Meghan Kashner - the last lock down we had, students were making suggestions for security and for their potential escape. It is very beneficial.

Mr. Palladino - we anticipate that we will have 4 fire drills and 4 lock down drills each year.

Agenda Item 4 - WHS DECA competitions

Lisa Cunha presented the following concerning upcoming DECA competitions:

1. 35 Students will be participating in Districts that will be held Thursday, January 5 and Friday, January 6, 2023.
2. They will be competing in Principle, Team and Individual events
3. 6 are qualified and participating in ICDC in Orlando, FL March 9 - 11, 2023
4. Currently in the process of writing a paper to obtain Gold Status
5. Nationals are slated for April 22 - 26, 2023
6. Lisa Cunha is actively recruiting judges, including Joyce Bacchiocchi and Dr. D'Andrea.
7. The last two years Districts have been remote, this year is in person.

Questions/Comments:

None

Agenda Item 5 - Winter vacation work/repairs on the school

Just prior to winter break WHS had a gas leak emanating from the boilers but most noticeable in the back parking lot due to the exhaust fan.

Thankfully, there was “all hands on deck” support including WFD, WPD, plumbers, Plumbing Inspector and administration to rectify the situation. We were able to keep the school open, when in the past, we would most likely have had to close the school for Wednesday and Thursday.

Great to see the teamwork and comradery with the entire school community and town.

In general we had 3 categories of maintenance/repairs that needed to be addressed during the school break:

1. General Maintenance
 - a. Addressing general cleaning issues and light repairs
2. Plumbing issues
 - a. Leaking toilets
 - b. faucet repairs
3. In classroom phone issues
 - a. 7 phone issues that were resolved

Questions/Comments:

Joyce Bacchiocchi - Are applications being completed for repairs to the Auditorium?

Mr. Palladino - Jason Roth is working on this and completing the application. He had not heard back prior to the break. The cost and scope is significant due to the size - hopefully we receive positive feedback as it is used for many things and could be used for so much more.

Agenda Item 6 - Grants update

Highpoint:

Highpoint wrote a grant to have a counselor located at WHS. During the pandemic, this was stopped. Since then, Highpoint has endured a very high turnover rate, which is not fair to WHS or the students they support. The students that use Highpoint are vulnerable students who need support.

Highpoint has found Ms. Alison Silva who has a significant background and is very excited to be here. She is starting this week.

Mass Grad Grant (Jane Fondulis)

WHS received its first Mass Grad Grant on March 13, 2020, the day we found out about the pandemic.

WHS has received another Mass Grad Grant and starting in early January David Harrison will be at WHS. He will work with approximately 20 high risk students. WHS has identified 12 students to begin with immediately.

DESE Grant

Specifically granted to improve MCAS scores, this 2nd semester grant will allow us to hire someone for an extra Core English Class.

Questions/Comments:

None

Next Meeting: February 7, 2023

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