Vision Statement:

The Harvard Public Schools community, dedicated to educational excellence, guides all students to realize their highest potential by balancing academic achievement with personal well-being in the pursuit of individual dreams. The students engage in learning how to access and apply knowledge, think critically and creatively, and communicate effectively. They develop the confidence and ability to understand diverse perspectives, collaborate, and contribute to their local, national and global communities.

Permission to Record requested and granted by all.

Post Secondary Planning Update: Sara Lamere, Bromfield Guidance Department Leader

Due to AP schedule commitments, Ms. Lamere needs to speak early agenda.
- Realign guidance for separate HS and Middle Schools.
- Additions to curriculum for post secondary planning.
  - 10th grade - Wellness career vs college focus, careers that relate to individual skills and personality.
  - 5 PSP seminars for juniors.
  - Course scheduling compared to college objectives.
  - Near term - SATs ACTs optional.
  - Virtual college visits. Materials all on school website.
Test blind, test optional explain.

Careers Subcommittee Chair Myers requested time to speak while Lamere was present.

Myers- Develop a project in which Bromfield graduates explain and discuss their careers with Bromfield students via Zoom. Graduates would receive a set of talking points to help them prepare. Zoom session would be scheduled and publicized. An active Bromfield alumni group on Instagram and the Bromfield soccer alumni on Facebook would be the initial focus for attracting grads to participate.

Minutes Approved:  The March 24 School Council minutes were approved unanimously.

Principal Report:

- April 5 - All hybrid students returned in the morning.
- April 27 - Met with Remote Students
  - Number of 8th grade students and teachers (12 students-4 teachers)
  - Good dialog
    - Trying to find balance
    - Trying to find ways to connect with other students
    - Trying to find ways to limit screen time.
    - Need to take steps to improve audio for remote students
- April 28 - All hybrid students go to school all day.
  - Schedule
    - No lunch but two mask breaks. Free food during second mask break
    - 40 minute periods
- Other Items
  - Next Year’s Schedule - Good News! No cuts in positions.
  - Return to almost normal. Vaccination mandated by state? Unknown.
  - NEASC, less proscribed and more dependent on school’s own objectives.
  - MCAS - sophomores required and juniors optional;
  - Completion of MCAS is also required for John Adams Scholarship eligibility.
- Senior Activities
  - This Friday - Staff vs. Senior Field Day
  - Fun Fair Well, 3 hr event outdoors for seniors
  - Prom, seniors only
- Virtual Awards
- Parade May 2
- Graduation June 4, 6 family members in pods, Worcester Sound will provide the audio & there will be an event photographer

School Committee Update

School district policy for close contact updated
Budget to town meeting for Saturday town meeting is $15.3M town, $283K Devens
2% COLA for teachers is also taken also from the Devens account, a one-year contract
Bromfield hot water tank replacement for $30k.
Shawmut will rent Bromfield House beginning in October.
The Director of Community Education & Recreation will manage Bridges, the town beach, other town facilities. There will be a Director and an administrative assistant

Update on changes to school schedule:
  - Both cohorts attend school at the same time
  - Full day attendance
  - Feedback from students, teachers, staff, parents

Post Secondary Planning Update: Sara Lamere, Bromfield Guidance Department Leader (earlier)

A Diversity Coordinator will deal with Diversity Initiative, including surveys, professional development, older students as role models for younger students in dealing with bias/prejudice. Student Council - define racism, explain why it is racism, effects on people.

Examine progress on 2020-21 School Improvement Plan: [SIP 2020-21](#)

Take continued advantage and incorporate technique, methods, technology used to get us through pandemic. Orientation for new students needs to include this year’s remote students.

Develop 2021-22 School Improvement Plan

New Business:

Open council positions for next year are two (2) parent positions, two (2) community
positions, one faculty position, one 9th grade student.

Community climate action will be supported via extra credit for students. 250 students interested.

Future Meetings:
Continue with Wednesdays 3:00pm and Zoom until further notice.
June 9, 2021 is last meeting of school year, with possibility of a meeting during the summer

Ben Myers
Secretary, Bromfield School Council