Bromfield School Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 3:00pm via Zoom

Attendees
Suzie Allen, School Committee Liaison
Katy Covino, Parent
Julie Dalbec, Parent
Scott Hoffman, Principal Co-Chair
Tiana Jiang, Student
Ben Myers, Community Member
Colleen Nigzus, School Nurse Co-Chair
Cricket Segaloff, School Librarian
Kaci Roper, Teacher
Karen Strickland, Parent
Jackie Travers, Teacher

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 given by those present.

Council Membership
Colleen Nigzus is stepping down from the council due to ongoing Covid-19 workload.
Jackie Travers, 9th grade physics teacher, becomes another faculty member of the council.
Katy Covino volunteered to serve and she was elected Council co-chair unanimously.
The Council needs additional community members, so please advertise and ask around.
The Council needs to add a 9th grade representative.

Principal’s Report
The school year started quite smoothly with no major issues.

New for this school year
Lunch – We are using outside, the auditorium, and the cafeteria for lunch to maintain good separation among students, faculty and staff, 85-90% of the students eat outside, weather permitting, and they can even use the tents. High school students can eat in there auditorium. There have been some ongoing difficulties with timely delivery of produce. Breakfast in the cafeteria is under consideration.
Schedule - Later start time, no homeroom, 10 min mask break.
Covid Testing – On Mondays, and the process is becoming smoother each week.
Covid protocols are based on the following policies.
   EBCF AA Employee COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Requirements
   Harvard Public Schools policy for responding to suspected or known Covid-19 cases
Athletics and Extracurriculars
Require increased access to the building plus considerations of Covid safety.
NHS Gathering Tonight - Outside Cafeteria
Planning for performances includes concerts (band/choral Oct outside?) and shows (Play Nov 12-13).
Field Trips are in discussion and planning. Overnight is unlikely.

Senior Privileges - begun
Virtual Open House – Begins with Administration Zoom followed by teachers’ videos.
Parent Conference - Zoom or In-Person? Decision soon. Advantages of Zoom seen last year.
Announcements - No video. Emails to parents and students instead.
Bromfield Newsletter - Every Two Weeks
Budget approved for middle school health/wellness teacher, with provision for mental health counselors.

School Committee Report - Suzie Allen, school committee liaison
The school committee is considering the following issues:
Covid policy
Mask policy (how to handle vaccinated students based on vaccination records).
Adult Covid-19 vaccinations for all in the school district, maintain records. Uptick in testing viewed as positive.
Dress code policy will be amended, supported by community and implemented by schools. Health and safety are important elements of the policy.
Restore school services - How to restore services continued with extra Covid funding that would otherwise be dropped with level funding?
Review/revise strategic plan for entire school district.

Committee Goals for 2021-22
2021-22 School Improvement Plan (SIP) - Should mirror District Improvement Plan
Use 2020-21 plan as starting point for 2021-22 plan.
Overview of 2021-22 current draft - How measure progress vs goals? Invite Marisa Khurana to next meeting to help quantify goals and measurement thereof.
Sub-Committee membership? (Climate, Careers, Balance, Handbook)

Future Committee Meetings: Tuesdays or Wednesdays? Wednesdays seem to be preferred.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 6, 4-5, 2021-2022 SIP only
Meeting adjourned at 4:18

Ben Myers
Secretary, Bromfield School Council