Bromfield School Council Minutes
Wednesday, February 24, 2021, 3:00pm

Attendees:
Erin Baker, Parent (2021)
Scott Hoffman, Principal Co-Chair
Tiana Jiang (2022)
Ellen Sachs Leicher, Community Member (2021)
Vivian Liu, Student (2022)
Ben Myers, Community Member (2021)
Colleen Nigzus, School Nurse Co-Chair (2021)
Patricia Nilan, Teacher (2021)
Cricket Segaloff, School Librarian (2022)
Daniella Serra, Student (2022)
Imogen Slavin, Student (2021)
Laura Thomas, Parent (2022)
Katie Covino, Parent (2021)

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

Opening: Silly Poem!

The minutes from the January 27 Council meeting were approved unanimously.

Principal’s Report
- Implications on Bromfield of yesterday’s announcement from Governor Baker and Commissioner Riley need to be understood.
- Quarter 2 Report Cards went out Wednesday, February 10th
- Started Afternoon Combined Zoom Classes
- February 5th
- Activism Panel
- Ice to See You
- Trivia Night
- Vacation last week - homework generally lighter
- Parental conferences today and March 10th
- High School
- DEI Workshop
- Middle School
- Wellness Time
- Will switch on March 10
- Middle School - DEI
- HS - Scheduling
- Looking at scheduling for next year, assuming “regular” school day
- Assess scheduling for rest of this year, and modify as necessary
- Looking at Survey Data from students and staff
- Can we get into school more often given
- Regular student Covid-19 testing continues using pools of students.
- Vaccine
- Will look at spacing before lunch

**School Committee Update** (Abby Besse)
Protocol for positive tests, potential for school closure. More kids in school desirable, but must be safe. Need to consider ramifications of 5 days in school, especially lunch. Students can continue to be remote.

School Budget Update - Moving forward with Level Funding, not 5% cut.

Planning for Next Steps:
- MCAS Update - Seniors will not test, based on courses taken.
- Covid Testing Update - Going smoothly
- Spring Update - Fall2 indoor track on going training; spring sports after vacation., ending July 3
- School Improvement Plan and Update: 2020-21 School Improvement Plan
- School Committee Meeting - February 22nd; plan presented, well accepted, suggest additional measures.
- Focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and Remote Learning
  College applications & admissions criteria have become problematic due to pandemic.

**New Business**
Close examination of college application & admission processes.
2/25 & Mar 4 Arm in Arm - address racism, bias, prejudice with young students.

Future Council meetings will continue with Wednesdays at 3:00pm via Zoom until further notice.

March 24, 2021
April 14, 2021
May 12, 2021
June 9, 2021

Ben Myers
Secretary, Bromfield School Council