

School Council
Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017

Meeting commenced at 3:43 p.m.

1) Substance Abuse Education Update

a. Presentation from Caron Treatment Centers 4/28

- A one-time presentation for middle school and grades 9 and 10
- Hopefully we can get some other presentations around the same time, especially for high school students nearing college.
- We need to also reach out to grades 5 and 6 but this particular program, with the money we have available, addresses only grades 7-10.
- The aim of 5th and 6th grade education is to help students make “good choices” about many things, as opposed to inspiring curiosity about drugs by addressing them too directly.

b. Grant Application

- Ellen, with Susan and Marianne, applied for a grant from CVS, asking for \$7,000 to pay for the Caron program and extend it to grade 12, as well as programs for teachers and for parents.
- The answer should be in by January 16th.

c. Dept. of Public Health Materials

- These were promised to us; a link is on the agenda.
- The materials address primarily where abuse/addiction begins, with sports and other injuries, tooth extractions, etc., and advising parents and students to avoid using opiates to deal with these.
- Deirdre quoted a statistic that on the South Shore one out of four people over 18 is addicted to opioids.
- We are mandated to advise student athletes about the risks of opioid use.
- The Hingham Rotary is “on standby” to possibly donate monies for education on opioid use.

d. This subject will be brought up again at the next meeting, hopefully with updates.

2) Student Handbook Revisions

- One of the requirements of the School Council is an annual review of the Student Handbook.
- This will happen after the SIP (below).

3) School Improvement Plan Revisions

- Another requirement of School Council is an annual review of the SIP.
- The Council goes over what they want to act on, what they want to change, what is no longer working.
- The Council is asked to look over the SIP and come back next month with input.

- The Goals in the current version don't include Goal #2, which will be re-introduced at the next meeting for discussion; it involves facilities primarily.
- 4) The February meeting will be on the 15th (NOT the 8th) and March will be the 8th. April will be the 12th. May's will be the 10th.
- The February and March meetings will be for reviewing the SIP, and the April and May meetings will be for going over the Handbook.

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Attending:

Deirdre Hall
Kirsten Mullen
June Fontaine
Ellen Gray
Angie Pepin
Ted Hirsch