

**School Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 10, 2017**

Meeting commenced at 3:36 p.m.

1) School Improvement Plan

- Ellen is spearheading the revisions of the SIP.
- She added a couple of new sections.
- Last year we decided to make sure the school mission statement is visible all over the school.
- Ellen streamlined the verbiage of some items.
- She added three new sections:
  - On page 3, there is a new section on revising and vertically aligning the K-12 Health and Wellness curriculum.
    - Ted suggested the point people for this are Heather, Susan, Darcie, Marianne and the new PE person who will be hired for next year. They can meet as a group to discuss how to fulfill federal standards.
  - On page 5, the clean school initiative is put back.
    - Conversations by level, with students, to establish norms and periodically give feedback to students on how the norms are being met.
    - Mary suggested the high school needs far bigger recycling receptacles than it has; Ellen pointed out that the building owners are responsible for trash.
    - Mark is very frustrated with the lower four levels due to the disrespectful treatment of the building, particularly the bathrooms.
    - Ted suggested, “Each level will establish norms of cleanliness and respectful behavior towards the building. There will be regular feedback on performance”.
  - On page 8 is the last addition, Implement Substance Abuse Prevention Policy.
    - Ted suggested student surveys be added to “lesson plans” to the implementation column.
    - Deirdre and Kirsten are okay with surveys in Level III as long as they are age-appropriate.
  - On page 9 is also the Substance Abuse Prevention Policy; Ellen questioned if it should be in the SIP. Angie will look into it.
  - Ted would like to see something added to the SIP about reviewing the document each year to see to it that the items are actually being acted upon.
    - Ellen gave an example from another school: 1. Complete, 2. In progress, 3. To be done next year, 4. Canceled, or preferably, Discontinued.
    - Ellen suggested where the status and status codes could be placed in the SIP.

- 2) Due to the involvement of the School Council, extensive work has been done on level exit standards, which will be implemented next year.
- 3) For next year, students who are on School Council should be on an email list for each meeting so they can hopefully attend. It was suggested that one Level IV student also attend. Possibly their parents' emails can be added to the list, to help the students remember.
- 4) As per high school discussions, made known through Mary, high school elections will be held in the fall instead of the year before, to be fair to new students. Therefore, current office holders (except for seniors) will stay in their offices through October.
- 5) Ellen suggested a person specifically elected from the PA to be a representative (or two) to School Council.
- 6) Ted would like people to be reminded that these meetings are open and all are welcome; Ted and Angie should be able to invite people as well.
- 7) Kirsten thought it could be a good thing to have attendance at School Council be one of the responsibilities of an elected member of the PA.
- 8) She also thought it would be good to have more specific information available about high school workshops and events, because she feels disconnected.
- 9) Mary would like to see better communication from the high school regarding dates of events; right now there is no person designated to keep that communication going strong.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Attending:

Ellen Gray  
Deirdre Hall  
Kirsten Mullen  
Mary Carter  
Ted Hirsch  
June Fontaine