

School Council Meeting
November 17, 2022

Meeting commenced at 4:31 pm

1) Membership

- a) Parents
- b) Faculty

2) School Improvement Plan

a) Updates

i) Exhibition of Mastery Committee - Jamie is looking at an EOM Committee to look at our current EOM schedule by department. There is lots of conversation around that. Angie has been talking to John Toland about K-4 EOMs. Years ago there were two EOMs a year. He met with Level II teachers and told them he would like them to provide lots of support for students doing EOMs, which they feel they can only do with one EOM a year. He will talk to Level I teachers about EOMs. Both Ann and Anne would like to be on the Committee.

ii) Math Program Search Committee - we have got a team of teachers K-8 who have looked through a lot of math curricula and they are starting to pilot some of them. Angie is happy to share the programs we're trying out. Could cost as much as \$100,000.

iii) K-4 Report Cards - we were supposed to be moving to a digital format, similar to the 5-12 report cards, emailed home. However, due to the fact that admin's time was taken up over the summer with the new bus routes and other bus-related issues, they were not able to do it. It will stay the way it is for one more year.

b) What goals should we work on for next school year?

i) Extracurricular activities - since last month three new clubs have started at the high school, but K-8 there are very limited opportunities, including academic tutoring, music and sports. Angie would like to hear what Council members think.

ii) Rowena wanted to know about including field trips along with afterschool activities in the list of things that could be done extracurricular-wise.

iii) Angie wants to explore a late bus since there could be transportation issues. She suggested library drop-offs at Brockton, Weymouth and Randolph public libraries. This issue could impact what choices are made for afterschool programs.

iv) Shawn suggested the possibility of a structured environment for students to play e-sports. There are possible leagues available for students to join. Some colleges have them as well as other public schools. Rowena wanted to know if there's any educational component to these. Mary said she knows of

students getting scholarships through e-sports. No field required; Jamie said there is a league right near the school. Marco mentioned the same thing.

v) Anne asked if there is a Level I afterschool program. Angie said, right now, only academic tutoring, but the school would like to offer more. In the past, we've had arts programs, an all-school theater program and other things. These have a cost associated with them, but it probably could be manageable. Mary mentioned Jacobs Farm as a source of opportunities. Angie said a few years ago Jessica Woods ran a 4H club with a parent; this was not expensive. The least expensive options are those that are faculty-run. The teachers know the school, the kids, and the facilities.

vi) The high school has a new chess club; upper students could teach it to lower students. Shawn suggested Nick Kerrigan as someone who could do that.

vii) Anne would enjoy helping out with a theater program. She loves the idea of high school students leading younger kids in programs. Robotics, LEGO clubs etc. would be a great way to build friendships, and help with both creative skills and social skills. Rowena said she could talk to Robotics Workshop teacher Karl at the high school about that.

viii) Marco is running clubs at the high school; part of their plan is for the high school students to go to the younger students to work with them on projects. If Ann and Anne were to take these ideas to the PA, she believes there could be enthusiasm and possibly fundraising to help with experimental clubs in the spring to see what might work. Tochi would like to check out the e-sports program for some students. Kevwe noted that students can only do one of the clubs and activities because they all happen at lunch. Marco pointed out that some students can't do afterschool activities due to lack of transportation. Angie reiterated looking into a late bus; Shawn suggested that a FIT time could be dedicated to these activities. Angie would like some of these things implemented for next year.

ii) Math Implementation: would involve how to explain the new program to parents, do professional development for teachers, etc. Teachers really want something K-8. The K-5 of IM is brand new; they want to work together. There needs to be time for teachers to gather to work out implementation.

c) Plan Moving Forward/Homework - Any ideas that anyone has for new goals for next year, please contact Angie before the next meeting so they can be put on the agenda.

3) New Business - last month the Council discussed the different responsibilities of the School Council, including the Handbook. One item that has come up and the Council needs to address is student movement. We don't have a clear policy on students who start at the end of a quarter and don't get grades. The enrollment process makes this a regular thing.

- Mary agreed and has to deal with this issue often. Parents don't understand how grading and transcripts work. Mary will definitely help with that.

- Kevwe asked students what they would like to see for improvements at the school. She's heard that they would like to have an actual gym. Clearly it would cost millions to put in a full-size gym.
- Students also don't like the current academic schedules and would like to see them changed. Kevwe will email Angie where students would like to see changes.
 - Angie explained that the state requires a certain amount of instructional time, but we can still tweak the order of classes.
 - Mary mentioned that with sports, it might make sense to have classes like FIT at the end of the day to avoid students losing instructional time due to having to leave early.
 - Rowena mentioned that with academic classes at the beginning of the day, it gives students a chance to use FIT as a time to work on homework, etc.
 - Marco has noticed that students are tired and drained after lunch and not as productive in their classes.
 - Angie will be happy to look at the timing of the schedules.
 - Kevwe said Kendall would like to see a library at the high school; 100 has a library.
 - Rowena mentioned not having a lab for her science classes.
 - Angie agreed that the facilities are problematic.
 - Anne would like to see better use of FIT at 100. Angie said we do need to look at that.
 - Helen would like to implement family engagement to get more leadership from families of color.
 - Anne Bell asked what FIT is; Angie explained.
- Rowena pointed out that with Physics now being in 9th grade, it's needed to have math preparation for MCAS Physics.
 - Marco, Rowena and Angie briefly discussed where there is a lack of skills in high school for MCAS testing.

Some of these items can be put on the agenda for next month's meeting. Angie will do some research.

Meeting concluded at 5:30 pm

Attendees:
 Angie Pepin
 Ann Mantil
 Anne Bell
 Jamie Allen

Mary Carter
Rowena Samuels
Marco Pedulli
Kevwe Ogagan
Tochi Anuonyemere
Helen Li
Arya Suryawanshi