

School Council Meeting

Dec 19, 2022

Attendees:

J. Butler (t), D. Fan (p), H. Galante (a), D. Hudder (a), Shreyes S. (s), J. Stark (t), J. Stewart (p), J. Wysokowski (t)

AGENDA:

- I. Minutes
 - October and November Minutes Approved
- II. Bedford PS District Equity Statement
 - Passed the School Committee
- III. Change to school discipline
 - 37H $\frac{3}{4}$ - school discretion for suspensions
 - Emphasis on restorative justice and alternatives to suspension
 - Need for more programming for alternatives
- IV. Superintendent Search Committee
 - MASC Focus Groups
 - Faculty 12/20
 - Students 12/21
 - Timeline: Interviews in January, Recommendation in February
- V. Budget
 - Advocating for an additional .6 FTE math position
- VI. Schoolwide assessment calendar
 - Notes from November meeting:
 - Coordination of Major Assessments
 - Challenging to adhere to the policy the way the calendar may fall prior to the end of a term or vacation
 - Suggestion: relying on students to advocate for changes on an individual basis - with protocols, maybe a form to fill out

- Suggestion: students can petition for a change on a group basis
- Suggestion: A calendar of assessments that all teachers could see
- Some stress is okay
- Some parameters around what constitutes an assessment
- Does come up a lot, and certain students often advocate. They know which teachers will bend and which will not - so often certain teachers are bending all the time
- Challenge keeping different sections of the same course in sync
- HW Practice #4 and #5: why is it one week? Could it just be “ample time allotted”?
- HW Practice #2: Google Classroom does not allow for parent access - how does that jibe with this expectation? And some classes aren’t necessarily complying.
- Additional thoughts
 - Having a “test center” for makeups
 - How much do these tests count?
 - Looking at the course selection process. Taking multiple challenging courses has the natural consequence of more testing
 - Re-imagining the schedule for end of quarter and other blackout times to build in breaks for kids
 - To what extent is our policy meeting its goal?
 - Importance of surveying students

VII. Honor roll

- No other school in the Dual County does Honor Roll tiers, nor do they publish
- What should the cutoff be?

VIII. Book Club Read

- *Lighter* by Yung Pueblo - students invited
- *Grading for Equity* by Joe Feldman - small faculty group

IX. Meetings dates

- Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan 10, 2:30-3:30 PM

BHS School Council

Meeting Agreements

- End on time
- Share the space and the air - no voice dominates
- Engage in open and honest discussion, where disagreement is welcome and all opinions are considered
- Assume positive intention
- Be mindful that we are all here as representatives, not individuals
- Respect confidentiality - not single out individuals
- Be task oriented; stick to the agenda

Attendance key:

s: student

p: parent

t: teacher

a: administrator

v: visitor