



Meeting Summary

Present: Andrew Wulf, Mike Testa, Jessica Buchmann, Anya Brunnick, Laurie Kench, Riya Kaur, Tuala Sullivan, Chris Cain, Dr. Orlando

1. High School Updates

a. School Improvement Plan Overview

- Andy Wulf discussed the summary of improvement goals and the updates made to the final draft based on the council's feedback over the past few meetings.
- During the follow-up discussion, the team noted the emphasis of embedding life skills across the high school's curriculum that are connected to the Portrait of a Graduate. The team also highlighted the focus of developing pathways that support a student's ability to go from high school into a career.

b. Scheduling for 2023-2024 School Year

Andy Wulf and Mike Testa provided a summary work that has started to help students register for next year's classes.

- Student assemblies were conducted to explain the process for course selection last week & this week.
- Teachers are putting in recommendations for the core classes and after break the students will start to put in their electives.
- Last week was the "Program of Studies Night" to go over information with the families about scheduling classes.
- A hopeful goal for the future is to try to have schedules drafted before the students leave for the summer to go over any issues.

c. Budget Update

Andy Wulf reviewed the budget considerations for next year. He explained:

- The District is reviewing allocation of Instructional Assistants and Behavioral Specialist positions across the District. As a result, there is not a need to add these at the high school. budget considerations.
- Based on feedback from the last meeting, rather than requesting a math tutor, the school will explore use of students in upper level classes by providing a block in their schedule where they can support their younger peers in algebra and geometry. The school will explore issuing service credit for this work.
- March 6th is the budget overview to the School Committee. Andy will provide to the school committee what has been developed at the School Council.

2. Planning to Review and Update the Student Handbook

- a. Council members were offered a hard copy of the student handbook. Discussion took place whether the handbook should go totally electronic. The majority agreed that the students enjoy and use the student planner portion of the handbook, but feel the rules can be omitted in hard copy and as they are now – accessible to all on the website. Students would still need to sign electronically that they have access to, read and understand the rules.
- b. The next few council meetings will be reviewing the handbook.
- c. Last year staff was asked to review the handbook and a google sheet was created to share comments, questions and concerns and some of these items were discussed at the council meetings.