School Council Meeting

Dec 14, 2021

Attendees:

M. Benes-Rosecan (t), J. Butler (t), Mary C. (s), D. Fan (p), H. Galante (a), B. Hester (p), D. Hudder (a), Jake K. (s), J. Stewart (p), J. Wysokowski (t)

Norms & Agreements

- Share the air time
- Assume positive intent
- Start and end on time
- Value disagreement; disagree respectfully
- Be task-oriented and stick to the agenda

AGENDA:

- I. Introductions
- II. Minutes Approved
 - o <u>May 13</u>
 - Oct 19
 - o Nov 16

III. Minimum grade of 50

- Perhaps continue the practice for this year but hold off on committing to a permanent change
 - Students are continuing to struggle
- Some concern around a permanent change → might make students not try or skip class
- Maybe not for 4th quarter?
- Decision: Continue the practice for this year
- Revisit idea of a permanent change with the faculty at large and with this group in the spring

IV. Advisory

- Lots of positive feedback from students and teachers
 - Nice to connect with teachers that you don't have
 - Each Advisory seems to have its own particular practices.
- Kids are clearly making connections with teachers
 - SOS results
 - Parent feedback
- Sacred time: no other things happen

V. Equity conference

- A number of BHS attendees
- o Equity work is not an initiative; it is the lens by which we learn and teach
- Wonderful takeaways:
 - How systemic racism works
 - Student storytelling \rightarrow connections
 - Social-emotional liberation
- Larger question: How do we increase the student impact of this work? Direct share with parents/community?
- Looking ahead to bring some other ideas from the conference back to our school vis-a-vis the Student Handbook

VI. Next meeting: Jan 18

Future Meetings:

- Jan 18-2:45-3:45
- Feb 15-2:45-3:45
- Mar 15-2:45-4:00 (longer for handbook)
- Apr 12-2:45-4:00 (longer for handbook)
- May 17-2:45-3:45

Attendance key:

s: student

p: parent

t: teacher

a: administrator

v: visitor