

School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
5/2/19

1. Attendance:

- Principal—Daniel Bauer
- Assistant Principal—Michele Carlson
- Faculty—Lindsay Donaldson, Robert Dillon
- Parent Members—Theresa Finn Dever, Marilyn Dombey, Melissa Kaplowitch, Gail New
- Student Members—Jack Maniaci, Lucy New, Aiden New, Sophie Hauck, Noah Kaplowitch
- Community Member—Don Doliber

2. Meeting began at 4:00 pm, greeting by Principal Bauer

3. Review of Previous Week's Minutes

- Mr. Bauer offered a chance to make edits; there were none

4. Budget Update

- 20% cuts to Operating Budget at HS restored by School Committee

5. Attendance Update

- Overall attendance increased this SY
- Unexcused absences reduced, dismissals reduced, tardies reduced, especially unexcused tardies
- Why absences up? – possibly people using up 16 allotted absences per year

6. Handbook Update (via Ms. Carlson)

- Looking at electronics / cell phone policy for next year
- Redefined / updated language around hate speech
- Diversion program for vaping
- Added “vapeware” to banned items on dresscode
- Added appeals process for NHS for clarity

7. Academic Data for 2017-2019

- Gave grade letter percentages by quarter / midterm / final by year
- Suggestion to eliminate midterm exam and final exam as separate categories on report card to alleviate resulting stress

8. School Improvement Plan

- Review of SIP work from April meeting
- Committed to perfecting current initiatives before introducing more
- Otherwise, making progress