

Bridgewater Junior High School

School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes- September 18, 2018

Members Present:

Daphne Egilsson	Denise McKean	Terese Silver	Jennifer McDonald
Siobhan Doyle	Debbie Myers	Stephanie Martin	Heather Dalton

- Meeting time-- third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm
- Communication mediums discussed
 - Some issues still being had with the website. It is being worked on.
 - This has received very positive feedback. Keep up the great work.
- No Meet the Teacher Night happening this year.
- Academic Awards Night
 - Positive start to the year
 - Tomorrow night at 7:00
- Start to the School Year
 - Bus schedule appears to be working fine.
 - Daphne still advocating for TAs.
 - T-shirts for everyone was a positive way to start the year.
- Cell Phone Policy
 - Should it be stronger? Should cell phones be banned? A new year policy?
 - School Region involvement in creating a policy? How would they support us?
 - Park at the front door?
 - Education/ Communication piece?
- Crosswalk Safety
 - Safety out in front of the school has become an issue. Lots of traffic and people not always paying attention.
 - Many students bike to school and it would be safer for them to be on the sidewalk. Are they allowed?
 - More crossing guards/ a flashing light? Letter to go to Town Council
 - Safety Refresh, especially for the younger grades.
- School Name
 - Are we looking at changing the school name with the reconfiguration?

- How do we go about doing this so it's representative of our school population?
- Who would be willing to take this on?

School Memorabilia

- What should be done with this? How do we make this relevant to our current school population? How do we organize this? Could the community get involved?

School "Renovations"

- A refit is planned for the future, but is unclear.
- Mock up plans for spaces were created last year.
- Could the community become involved in this? (Suggestions, painting, etc.)
- A working drinking fountain upstairs is being looked into.

Next Meeting October 16:

- Membership and executive to be discussed and chosen
 - Some conversations to be had in-between (Re: Patty/ Stephanie as chair(s), student and parent membership)
- School goals to be discussed.

Actions for Next Meeting:

- Daphne will see Kim's notes for previous School Goals.
- Daphne will find Meeting Minutes from February onward for New Members to view.
- Jennifer to meet with Police Commission and discuss crosswalk issue directly in front of the school. (Possibly a flashing light?) She will also get clarity on whether students are allowed to be biking on the sidewalk.
- Daphne will follow-up Crosswalk Safety discussion for Grades 5 and 6.
- Jennifer has extra helmets from her work with the Skate Park. She will bring them to the school for students to have.
- Daphne will look into the water fountain upstairs by talking to Mike Ward.