

**MARTH'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, October 18, 2017**

Present: Sara Dingley, Elliott Bennett, Lisa Bonneau, Annie Bresnick, Karen Burke, Dave Caron, Jeff Caruthers, Cheri Cluff, Rose Engeler, Belle Hattingh, Curtis Fisher, Mike Innes, Mary MacDonald, Ann Metcalf, Michele Moore, Amy Reece, Debra Swanson,

Members of the public present: Pia Gundersen, Lara Robinson Emma Kennedy, Leah Dohr, Dawn Warner, Judy Maynard

Call to order at 4:00 pm in Library Conference Room.

- A. Introduction of SAC members, including new faculty and student members
- B. Introduction of members of the public

Minutes from September 12, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

Sara commented that the website is being viewed much more often this year, and that attendance at parent teacher conferences is higher also.

The flex block was discussed.

- A. Sara said it is going well, and that the staff met to discuss tweaks, including trying to minimize changes once choices are made, as allowing the many changes was getting complicated.
- B. Rose E. commented that sometimes on Monday students don't know yet what they will need. Sara responded that changes are allowed, but, again, that they're trying to minimize them.
- C. Belle H. asked if students will ever be able to schedule without a mentor. Sara said probably not because the mentor should if there are teachers students should see, etc.
- D. Sara said teachers should not be pulling the same kids every week.
- E. Annie B asked if teachers are discussing tweaks, tips, handling the shorter class times, etc.
- F. Lisa B commented that she just plans for the shorter time, and that it just takes time to figure out and adjust, as with any change.

The school is trying to be sure everyone knows the protocols/policies. They're all on the website. The school has given them to student government to review.

The school is working with the facilities department on the use of the facilities and grounds by others.

Grades are being updated online every 2 weeks and can be seen by students and parents.

SAC Membership was discussed.

- A. 2 faculty members left (Josh Burgoyne and Juanita Suarez-Espino), and 2 joined (Jeff Caruthers and Cheri Cluff)
- B. The group discussed adding 2 parent voting members, and having others attend and/or be on subcommittees
- C. Dave Caron will talk to the parents who have expressed interest about what they might like to do
- D. Sara will ask Rufus about the state guidelines

SIP was discussed

- A. Subcommittees will work on implementing this year's SIP
- B. In January, SAC will start planning next year's SIP

Next meeting SAC will approve the minutes and then start subcommittee work with each subcommittee sharing with the whole group after

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The subcommittees met and then shared brief summaries of their discussions.

- A. Communication subcommittee said they will try focus on making school information more readily available and more searchable on the website on smartphones.
- B. Scheduling subcommittee said things are on target, and in December / January will review the design and implementation of the flex block and how it is affecting student achievement.
- C. Culture subcommittee said they had a long discussion about how to help ensure every student is recognized and feeling valued, and how to take away the structure in which grades feel like the only measure of "success".

The next meeting will be November 15, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Burke