

NAME OF BOARD/COMM: Happy Hollow School Council

DATE OF MEETING: March 16, 2023

TIME OF MEETING: 3:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Happy Hollow School Conference Room

Present:

Tricia O'Reilly

Lise Weig

Rachel Scott

Miriam Morrison

Ryan Rideau (virtually)

Nan Jahnke

Michelle Claussen

Prashant Shukla (virtually)

3:00 1. Public comment- no public comment

3:05 2. Discussion and Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2023 meeting

- Nan makes a motion to approve the February meeting minutes. Spelling corrections. Rachel seconds. All in favor.
- Tricia discussed a meeting at High School to collaborate on a high school program for BASE employment. Very well received. Students are interested for a variety of reasons. Would be exciting for elementary students. This would be a different program from Leadership in Training. Commitment is key.

3:15 3. Presentation of Revised Draft

- Tricia did some work on the Happy Hollow Handbook. She learned a lot. There was some repetition. Edited out some language that seemed to be in reaction to past incidents. Didn't touch any of the mandated sections. Take a few minutes to look through handbook and give comments.
- Still new ways to approach the material: thought Reporter, Hawk, small skits.
- Need to add the ALICE information for drills; still refining safety measures with police. Nan asked what kind of information we share in the handbook? Tricia answered that we notify parents ahead of time if we're doing a drill, if we discussed it in class. We communicate a lot and well in the moment. Direct line, we practice, communicate, process that we've created with the police.
- Prashant asks if we can bump page 57 to earlier (page 26 or page 27)
- Ryan suggests keeping all the detailed info in the back to not scare people off.
- Tricia suggests getting rid of table of contents and just do section headings (ex: Resources, safety, rules and expectations). With hyperlinks.
- Michelle: correct spelling of Danielle's name (p.6)
Michelle: p. 10: delete a in Melissa Ricci's name (middle of page)
Michelle: If your child has a specific allergy, please contact the school nurse.
Michelle: Put in a line letting people know that the cafeteria served lunches are always

nut free.

- Nan: Surprised by line on page 15 that info about placement info should be given to guidance counselors, not necessarily teacher.
- Tricia explained about the requesting and placement process
- Michelle: Questioned what “personnel matters” refer to
- Tricia explained that infrequently a parent has a question about a staff member
- Lise: So much of this is about selling the handbook and getting people to read it. Weaving skits into school assembly would be great.

3:45 5. Open Discussion/Questions

- Nan: asked how many students at HH.
- Tricia said approx 370, which is the same size as Loker. Claypit is in the 500s. New housing on route 20. Enrollment is strong. Small K sizes this year
- Most of district is a buffer zone
- Teachers in conference season
- Michelle: concerns about after school continue. She learned that Claypit has some kind of internship program that parents could work at and have their kids go to BASE. Michelle said that BASE only serves twenty percent of the families in town.
- Tricia spoke about the problems with space, history of a few years ago, 4th and 5th graders at BASE were sent to the middle school. Problems with that too.
- Tricia spoke about school start time and the negative effects for teachers
- School Committee plans on submitting request to state for new school buildings
- Tricia reports that things are going well at HH
- Nan: in her third year on SC, she heard a lot of teachers saying students had forgotten how to do school. Now it sounds like things are better.
- Discussion of high school Senior Show

4:00 6. Adjournment:

Lise moved to adjourn the meeting. Miriam seconded it.