

11/13/17

## Meeting Notes

### Attending

Sally Biggs - Principal, SonJa Young, Claude Bradley, Michele Laboy, Jennifer Mancone, Darlene O'Neal, Stacey Simms, Julie Sochochi, Andrea Tavares, Sandra Vazquez, Charles Buder (intern), Jessica White, Tess Robinson and Saraya Torres

### Agenda

1. Welcome: Introductions made of new student members: Tess Robinson (Junior) and Saraya Torres (sophomore). Both students made a two-year commitment. Both students have been at HMTCA since the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Both are Hartford residents settled into different peer groups. We anticipate a good representation for the students at HMTCA.
2. Review/Approval of October 23, 2017 minutes: Meeting minutes approved.
3. TrinPrep Update: Going well. More enrichment spots needed for students who do not need extra help. Student Reps discussed liking the program and opportunities TrinPrep offers. The school is looking into different activities that can attract a larger group of students with less engagement (e.g. open gym). Middle school students will be logging in and signing up for TrinPrep effective 12/4/17. Middle school students are using this week and next week to get prepared.
4. Selection Process for Student Representative: Did we like the process? The students liked the process as it was like a job interview. The students felt welcomed and comfortable. Parents/teachers liked how both students were prepared and presented during the interviews. They felt the environment was comfortable and that the students were genuine and authentic in their presentation. Parents and staff made the final decision. School administration did not make the final decision.

5. Grades Analysis: The grade analysis form was reviewed. 9<sup>th</sup> graders are getting the lowest grades followed by 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Math and Social Studies are having the most difficulty with lower grades. Math may be due to the new curriculum which involves with more problem solving and needing perseverance. Algebra I is showing the biggest struggle with students. The new learning style is a process that is now in the second year. Possible breakdown by ELL, SpecEd, Hartford vs Suburban, what students have multiple D's or F's.
6. Strategic Improvement Plan: hand-outs provided. The hand-outs are to be reviewed and will be discussed at the next meeting.
7. Middle School Happenings: Musical discussed. Food drive discussed. Thanksgiving Dinner Drive is for both Middle and High School. Every Advisory will complete a basket. Food is due by this Thursday 11/17/17 (not 11/19/17). Spirit week for Middle School is next week.
8. High School Happenings: Play PROOF was held and went very well. The high school has Wild-n-Out happening by the BSU. Mr. Bradley will be monitoring. This is a scripted event that will go for an hour. There will be no swearing, sexual innuendos or cultural comments. It is only for HMTCA high school students. Ms. Velez discussed the Puerto Rico relief effort of supplying back packs to Puerto Rico (TrinPrep). The students want to keep this initiative going for the holidays. Money was also raised by HMTCA for Puerto Rico.
9. Sports Updates: Winter sports starts around Thanksgiving. Football is still going on. There is a Thanksgiving game being scheduled. Date and location to be determined.
10. HMTCA Student Assistance Team: combined with restorative justice conversation.
11. HMTCA Restorative Justice Center and Process: HMTCA is working on embracing the Restorative Justice model. This is a mindset change for staff. Student's behaviors are being looked at for reasons behind the actions. Skill building is fundamental. Time is a struggle for being able to implement restoration.
12. District Planning Process: There is a principal meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
13. Concert Week: December 5 and December 11-14
14. Next Meeting: 1/22/18 @ 5:30 (NO DECEMBER MEETING)

**\*\*Results of fundraiser to be discussed at the next meeting\*\***