



Watertown High School

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Principal

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Watertown High School Site Council Meeting Minutes November 4, 2015 6:30 p.m. WHS Library

Present:

- Shirley Lundberg, Principal
- Hillary Glencross, Teacher
- Will MacLaughlin, Teacher
- John Rimas, Teacher
- Jeremy Breen, Student
- James Vershbow, Parent
- Ann Walters, Parent
- Lisa Gabel, Parent
- Ann Cox, Parent
- Sandy Jaffe, Parent

6:30pm Shirley Lundberg called meeting to order.

1. Introductions

2. Election of two Parent Members to replace "graduates"

- Elected: Ann Walters & Lisa Gabel

3. Election of Co-Chair and Secretary

- Elected: James Vershbow, Co-Chair
- Elected: Hillary Glencross, Secretary

4. Discussion of Student Database change

- Database change from iPass to Power School will happen midyear and will run parallel systems for a period of time in of the 15-16' school year.

5. Subcommittee on Progress Reports

- Currently progress reports are very vague – looking to explore how we can change the progress reports to provide more information
 - Look into what the middle school provides on their progress reports
- Look into new parameters for the new system and possibly create new comments (currently have a lengthy list, many do not get used)
- Will MacLaughlin to head up subcommittee and contact faculty and staff for their input
- Also looking for parent input – what do parents want to see

6. Subcommittee on Parent Conference Night

- Currently have online registration for one night of conferences; conferences only last five minutes – not enough time for thorough conversations, nor for every parent to get a slot.
- Possibly rethink back to school night with conference night
- John Rimas to head subcommittee (interested parents: Ann, Lisa, Sandy) to look into ways to improve conferences

7. Establish Meeting Dates for school year

- Site Council will meet on the first Wednesday of every month, ending in May:
 - December 2
 - January 6
 - February 3
 - March 2
 - April 6
 - May 4

8. Any other business that may legally come before the council

- Voted on the 5/13/15 minutes:
 - John Rimas made motion, seconded by Will MacLaughlin
 - Unanimously accepted
- School Improvement Plan was distributed for future discussion at next meeting
- Mascot Update:
 - Designs were submitted and were ready to be voted on
 - Process was completely student-driven: class officers voted on top 4 of 12 submissions to then be voted on by students
 - Asked for stories to go with artwork as to why they drew what they did
 - Top 4 were posted to be voted on, but got posted online bringing up negative comments from community members and the media involved
 - Alum: looked through 60 years of yearbooks. Found an appearance of Native American caricature for first time in a 1963 yearbook. The caricature could not be found on a WHS uniform. One season a different Native American picture was on a hockey uniform.
 - Caricature came from North Quincy
 - Community wanting to have input had delayed the vote – school committee initially talked about creating a committee to design the logo, but in June the School Committee decided to Stick to Status Quo of having “No Logo”
 - Conversation will be continued at some point in the future

John Rimas made motion to adjourn. Will MacLaughlin seconded. Unanimously voted to Adjourn at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Hillary Glencross, Secretary

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