

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Minutes of the OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL School Council January 25, 2023, Meeting convened at 100 Lothrop Street, Principal's Conference Room at 3:03 p.m. Present by roll call: Abby Sanford, Nsa Kooffreh, Joyce Riad, Cindy Boyce, Jackie Grant, Megan Campbell, Mary Visnauskis, Kelly Cavanaugh

Call Meeting to Order:

Ms. Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Introductions:

Introductions were made by the Committee members.

Vote to Approve Minutes of November 22, 2022:

On a motion by Megan Campbell, seconded by Mary Visnauskis, with a vote of 8-0, the Committee approved the minutes of November 22, 2022.

School Updates and Updates of School Improvement Plan:

Mrs. Cavanaugh updates the council with regard to scheduling audit process/timeline. Explains the purpose of the schedule audit (e.g. potential interventions, breakdown of course enrollment according to DESE demographic categories, potential adjustments to rotating schedule etc.). Speaks to how the results of the audit will impact the school's improvement plan

Review and discussion of Budget Process

Mrs. Cavanaugh addresses the budget process. Distinguishes between strategic, proactive, and reactive/essential categories. Explains that the academic departments have already identified their needs.

1. Solicits input from student members on how to engage the student body about potential to take place in budget process discussions
 - a. Student suggests emailing a video
 - b. Mrs. Cavanaugh and the team brainstorm about the content for this video. The idea is endorsed by the council as a whole..
 - i. Mrs. Grant proposes the need for a staff member, perhaps a guidance counselor, who is a person of color.
 1. Broad agreement from council members about the value of a DEI coordinator/director

Review and discussion of Program of Studies Process

Mrs. Cavanaugh discusses the process regarding the Program of Studies approval. Looks for input about courses, particularly from the students

1. Joyce Riad shares concern maintained by many in the student body about lack of honors level credit in certain electives. Shares her experience with enrolling in choir.

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2. Discussion around life skills, financial literacy classes and their worth
 - a. Value of a dedicated course exploring these topics especially for juniors and seniors
 - i. Brainstorm about what a course that addresses life skills would like.

Mrs. Cavanaugh provides an update about the Student Handbook

1. Desire to write a clearer policy regarding the process for course changes

Adjournment:

On a motion by Megan Campbell, seconded by Mary Visnauskis, with a vote of 8-0, the Committee adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by,

Megan Campbell