

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 1, 2023

**Minutes of the OLIVER AMES HIGH SCHOOL School Council March 1, 2023**, Meeting convened at 3:04 p.m. Present by roll call: Abigail Sanford, Nsa Kooffreh, Jackie Grant, Megan Campbell, Mary Visnauskis, Karen Corey, Kelly Cavanaugh

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Ms. Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

**Vote to Approve Minutes of January 25, 2023:**

On a motion by Megan Campbell, seconded by Cindy Boyce with a vote of 7-0, the Committee approved the minutes of January 25, 2023.

**Upcoming Guest Speakers:**

Ms. Cavanaugh shared that we received a grant from Active Minds to bring in a guest speaker on mental health in May.

**Updates on School Improvement Plan and Program of Studies:**

Mrs. Cavanaugh updates the council about the School Improvement Plan "SIP" goal dedicated to mental health.

- Nsa Kooffreh shares insights into her senior project/internship
- Mrs. Cavanaugh shares that EPS/OA has received grants to fund improved mental health programming

Mrs. Cavanaugh updates the council about goal #3 about the updated intervention team model. Reports back the successes. New model has been more effective than previous model

Mrs. Cavanaugh asks council members to start thinking about potential goals for next year's SIP

Mrs. Cavanaugh shares budget updates, currently gathering information from department chairs. Updates the council with regard to exorbitant bus costs, possibility of advocating for increased field trip funding. March 14th faculty meeting will determine priorities.

Mrs. Cavanaugh projects and explains updates to Program of Studies (title changes, description changes, and new offerings)

**Discussion: Language and Words of Hate at School:**

Mrs. Cavanaugh discusses the IDEA association and how that group will work with faculty to train them in diversity, equity, and inclusion. References the teachers train teachers model. Expresses excitement about this opportunity. Mrs. Cavanaugh also shared that the ADL peer leadership group will be going back into classes to discuss stereotyping, features of identity, etc.

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Shares the urgency to continue and amplify the work surrounding this training in light of recent hate speech.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by Megan Campbell who motioned to adjourn, Mary Visnauskis who seconded the motion, with a roll call vote of 7-0 the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by,  
Megan Campbell