

## **Minuteman School Council Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

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**Present:** Jack Dillon, Allyson Huntington, Trish Flueckiger, Ben Keaton, Nick Delorey, Tyler Ferrin, Cliff Keirstead, Joyce Miller, Cheryl Mixon; Recorder

### **Meeting called to order at 4:30pm**

#### **MCAS results**

- Jack Dillon shared the 2018 MCAS results; overall Minuteman did very well. The MCAS Chemistry exam made the biggest stride in improvement, with an increase of 37% compared to last year.
- This year the MCAS exam will be changing to computer format; all students will be taking the exam on computers. In addition, attendance will be included in the accountability rating.

#### **Update on Blue Ribbon Award**

- Jack Dillon shared details of his trip to Washington, DC to receive the National Blue-Ribbon award. Minuteman is only the 2<sup>nd</sup> vocational school to receive this recognition; Worcester Technical High School was the first in 2013.

#### **Update on ALICE drill**

- **ALICE** (Alert, lockdown, inform, counter, and evacuate)
- **ALICE** drill focusing on evacuation was held on October 29, 2018. The staff and students evacuated the building in a responsible and timely manner.
- Trish Flueckiger voiced concern around having the same rally points that could become common knowledge to armed intruder. Allyson Huntington suggested that we develop a policy for parents to know where their children have been evacuated to.
- Feedback from student council members was that they thought it being labeled a “drill” had some students not taking it seriously. Trish Flueckiger suggested to have continued conversations with the student on the seriousness of having the drills.
- Mr. Dillon stated that a discussion will be had on what we can do better or implement in future drills.

#### **Update on Attendance**

- Mr. Dillon focused on September’s and October’s attendance; we are exceeding what we wanted to do with attendance above 93%.
- Ben Keaton said that the attendance policy needed to change and is glad we are offering different levels of support to those with attendance issues.

### **Juuling, Vaping, and Marijuana**

- Mr. Dillon expressed concern regarding the rise of marijuana, both real and synthetic, at Minuteman. 2 students were sent home in the past 2 weeks.
- The new building will have juuling and vaping detectors in the bathrooms.

### **Other Information**

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### **Upcoming Trip to NJ**

- Ms. Dempsey, Dr. Perreault, Mr. Cammarata, Ms. Roche, Mr. Dillon, and Justin Hahn will be driving to New Jersey for a 3-day visit to the newly opened High Tech High, a school like Minuteman in size and CTE majors, using the Academy model; they have 14 out of the 18 programs we offer. The purpose of the visit is to see what's working as well as what's not, what we should focus on, and possible schedule changes.

### **Academy Model and Working Together**

- Cliff Keirstead spoke of a senior who is collaborating with Engineering, Carpentry, and Advanced Manufacturing to build an electric guitar for his senior project.

### **Aspen and GPA**

- Ben Keaton asked if Aspen could be used to see their GPA; Mr. Dillon suggested they go see John Cammarata regarding this feature being utilized.

### **Lost and Found**

- The Lost and Found is in the Assistant Principal's Office.
- Nick Delorey inquired about the items remaining at the end of the school year. Cheryl Mixon stated that all remaining articles of clothing are donated in July.

### **December Meeting**

- Cheryl Mixon will send out a SurveyMonkey to choose date for December
- Jack Dillon will contact Gilbane Construction for a site visit at December meeting; this will be the focus of the December meeting

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm

