

3-2 Minutes

Simonne: Hello everyone, sorry we are starting a little late

Reports:

Molly: None

Maddie: Attendance reminder

Sarah: None

Joann: Thursday night is 8th grade parent night, we need some people to help present council to the parents, council will have a booth, if you would like to help that would be great

Simonne: Congrats to Dave, Travis and Daniel for their first Granite State Challenge win, today is

Molly's birthday

Simonne: Moving onto the minutes before break, are there any changes that need to be made

Majority in favor

No opposed

3 abstentions

Simonne: Will move onto the Fang Fest debrief, that is why we have the paper here, was thinking we could split into groups of about 4 people, did this with SWOT

Joann: Will split the paper into four sections, the s stands for success, w is wonders, o is opportunity, t is threats

Simonne: This is just an opportunity to reflect and see what we could improve on for next year while it is still fresh in everyone's minds, spend around 45 minutes working on it and a 15 minute share out

Joann: Could we split off into different divisions and staff

Simonne: Two groups of teachers, one group of D2, two groups of D1

*broke out into groups

Simonne: Okay everyone, walked around and the posters looked great, will now share out

Ollie: Successes-assembly was great this year, really well organized

Georgia: Wonders-I think we have a good philosophy about making rules, can still keep doing what we are doing so that the 95% do not have to be punished, want to do an SCC log so that the next can look at that and see what to do/avoid, penny wars could be done the week before, talked about integrating kids from other school systems, figured that kids that come in from other schools do not know the culture and we blame things on them sometimes, spending more time with them to help them integrate, black and gold day on Monday, longer assembly on Monday, starts the week with unity, delay the busses a little bit on Friday

Ollie: Opportunities- More transparent judging for opportunities, announcing all four grades and their positions for contests, better job of implementing the Fang Fest rules, maybe a better place for a school picture, respect discussion would also help

Georgia: Threats-Amherst facebook page, so much false information that went around that page, shows us where some of this stuff comes from that we see at school, public image was threatened, rumors spread in a small town, not enough communication on the incident after Wednesday, lots of Freshman were crying, should have been more communication between the staff to the students, should have been addressed

Sammy: Successes-Lots of school spirit, lots of people seemed very happy with how the year turned out, lots of unique ideas, assembly turned out pretty well, turnouts for the checking in were good, seniors set a great example this year, murals were great

Daniel: Wonders-This year there was a lot of warnings given out towards attitudes toward the freshman, wondering how we could increase turnout at after school activities, especially freshman during the dance

Sammy: Opportunities-Try to advertise them better and make it more accessible, advertise the dance better to freshman

Daniel: Threats-As everyone noticed there was the fight on Wednesday, the school was not very transparent, have heard complaints from parents, lots of misinformation that went around all the police at Friday made the atmosphere more tense, more time to clean up the hallways, also poor freshman dance turnout, freshman were not given much of a choice of their theme this year

Maddy M: Successes- There was a decent amount of people at after school activities, good participation, better job scoring, MC's did a good job, Friday assembly was good

Emily: Wonders- How we can encourage the checking in process, promoting individuality, better way to inform parents, inspire new themes, get better school unity, making after school activities more accessible for people without licenses

Bel: Opportunities-Having more artistic opportunities for people, maybe having penny wars be done on Thursday, costume donation bin, after school activities during advisory, school wide community service opportunity

Sarah: Opportunities-Giving people more of an incentive to stay after, maybe a pizza night, working on having more people plan the hallway, for classes maybe having more limited homework

Olivia: Threats-Misinformation and rumors around the school and in the community, a lack of communication understanding the purpose of Fang Fest, helping the freshman understand more about Fang Fest, deciding on the themes, voter turnout for deciding them

Tara: Successes- Friday assembly was great, lots of success was student driven, shifted the narrative, advisory conversations were great, dress was mostly appropriate, so much talent

Wendy: Wonders-A shift to a more community driven environment like Hope for Gus and Run for Hope, evolve the core values into Fang Fest and revamping some things but keeping the core of what were are at, making sure students are getting their ideas heard with adult collaboration

Lesli: Opportunities- Lots of honest discussions were had, students held each other accountable, handful of people thought we could include more performances and talent shows, healthy balance between class competition and showing school pride

Joann: Threats- Increased opportunity for bad behavior, too few people running the whole thing, social media, harassment and intimidation

Tim: Successes- Team competitions and multiple grade participation, advisory conversations, student body stepped up, MC's, participation was high, best faculty dance ever, talent performances were good, not a heavy handed response, hallways were cleaned up really quickly, Ethan Ramm is a tremendous success as well

Wonders-Include what was it that people reacted to this week, what could be taken to safeguard the vibe of Fang Fest, talk every year about moving it to the fall, animosity between grades as when people unite sometimes it is the strongest against something like Hope for Gus against Duchenne MD

Opportunities- Felt like the opening assembly needs some framing, how do we set that expectation, not waiting till Fang Fest to address problematic behaviors, ongoing process to make sure everyone is included, all groups of students

Threats- There is a potential for it to be hijacked by a small group of people, trying to get a sense of good and bad behaviors

Rick: Where do these ideas go now, seems like we should evolve this into some solutions

Simonne: This is something we will talk about in executive, we can revisit these ideas as a whole to work with administration and SAC to implement them in the future

Callie: Lots of the wonders that were talked about, the MC's and I had a lot of meetings with the administration, they already have their eye on a lot of these things

Georgia: Taking the time this year to set up guidelines would be helpful so we do not have to go back to this again next year, whether that be a proposal or something else, at the point we need to do that

Rick: Part of the idea for SAC was that it was an opportunity for those in council to have leadership roles, thought SAC could pull it together late summer and get rolling on what the calendar, the program and the ideas would be, if we can get a head start I think it is a whole lot easier to do planning, next year's SAC should get off to a quick start

Delaney: School Board meeting only an hour because rescheduled to tonight, Adam gave an update on grading- 2023 transcript is available online along with 2024 draft transcript; 2023 is same as usual but no semester grades- end of semester is like a "progress report" now; considering thoughts of everyone and ideas with empower; committee being made to look at empower and if it's good or not- made by April break; draft transcript to council in April; will be reviewed by middle school and high school parents/students and then it will go back to the school board to be voted on there

Emily: What is it going to do when it comes here

Simonne: It will be decided by council

Rick: Takes over 18 million dollars to run this place, will be some negative things on this ballot, really incumbent to get people to vote who support the school to get out to vote like parents, remind them that they need to vote, not a default we will get our budget passed

Motion to close-seconded