

BHS School Council meeting convened at 7:40 am in the Headmaster's office.

In attendance: Anthony Meyer, Sara Stoutland, Henry Theriault, Elena Olson, Lous Goldsmith, Justin Woelfel

Teachers were not in attendance due to a mild job action over contract negotiations.

Members of the Public: Bob Cook

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### **Public Comment**

Bob Cook: interested in the BHS space issue. He is on the Brookline Planning Board and so has some unique insights. He would also like to see BHS engage in a conversation around football as relates to health issues as well as values.

### **Discussion:**

We discussed the process for this year's School Council election of parents. Some current members of the SC were concerned that it was not a fair process. An announcement for the election was made once in the PTO weekly blast (which not everyone receives). There was not an end date for where nominations would be accepted. Amy Lieberman was the only parent who expressed an interest. However, both of the SC parent members whose terms were up, expressed interest in running again. But they had missed the one announcement in the Weekly Blast.

Anthony Meyers said he would talk to the PTO and come to some agreement.

### **BEU and School staff contract negotiations:** Anthony Meyers updated the SC

Unit A (teachers in general classrooms) have reached an agreement with the BEU and a memorandum of understanding has been signed. However, Unit A has not ratified it. They are waiting until Unit B and Unit C sign memorandums of agreement.

Unit B Administrators such as Vice Principals, Curriculum Coordinators, both K 8 and 9 12.  
[Note that HS Deans and all Principals each have their own contract]

Unit C: Para professionals.

Both unit B and unit C have not yet come to an agreement.

All Units are continuing with mild job action no voluntary work is being done.

This has not been affecting their daily work. Many teachers have been more flexible than last spring around meeting with students out of regular school hours. However, some staff have not been available to meet out of school hours. There was no guidance staff at the National Honors Society.

**Education Plan:**

Lead staff has developed an Education Plan for BHS. The Education Plan will be presented to the School committee on Nov. 10 and again on Nov. 17 to the subcommittee.

The plan considers practices that have been the result of students learning by department.

Considered what kind of school BHS wants to be in the future. For example, more cross departmental learning/class. The plan does not re structure the school, but does suggest some reforms.

**Update on Expansion:**

The Education Plan will drive the feasibility study.

The architects HMFH have been hired to do the feasibility study.

A tentative time line;

April 2017 site selection

May 2017 project discussed at Town Meeting

Oct. 2017 Schematics presented and discussed

Nov. 2017 A debt exclusion including both the 9th K 8 and plans for BHS will be voted on.

Jan. 2019 ground breaking

Sept 2021 The BHS project is done and students move in.

**BHS space needs between now and 2012:**

In the meantime, Asst. Headmaster, Hal Mason continues to turn spaces into classrooms that had been used for other purposes. In Fall 2018, the Old Lincoln School will be available for BHS to use. Not sure exactly how it will be used. The Old Lincoln will not hold the whole 9th grade, so it cannot be a straight forward 9th grade academy.

**TIMELINE FOR HIRING PERMANENT HEADMASTER:** there will be a search, but timeline not yet unknown. (Note Heath and Runkle also need permanent principals).

**REVIEW OF SCHOOL COUNCIL WORK:**

2012-2013 with John Ritchie, SC worked on revising the School Handbook. The handbook was unruly and tried to serve too many purposes: 1) contract for students and parents; 2) Legal documents. The legal document portion will be folded into a district wide document. There is now an information booklet for student and parents. There is still a need from student/family friendly online handbook, which could have links to other sites.

2013-2014 with Deb Holman SC looked at graduation requirements. Members of the SC collected graduation requirements from various high schools, across Boston metro area and a few nationwide. The general consensus was that BHS didn't need different graduation requirements, but more students and families needed to be aware of the flexibility which the current requirements have

2014-2015 SC surveyed how BHS handled mental health awareness/education and identification of individuals with potential mental health issues as relevant to the whole BHS student community. The goal was to improve mental health at the "Tier 1 level." A recommendation was made that each grade level has one or two meaningful assemblies each year on topics related to social and emotional wellness.

2015-2016 SC met, but never picked a topic to work on.