

**APPROVED MINUTES FROM WHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2021**

A meeting of the Wayland High School School Council was held remotely at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021.

Present and participating remotely were:

Allyson Mizoguchi (School Principal)
Win Treese (Community Representative)
Orla Daunt (Parent Representative)
Madeeha Syeda (Student Representative)
Zachary Mittelsteadt (Student Representative)
Gwen Goldin (Staff Representative)
Jill Swenson (Staff Representative)

Absent were:

Maura Batts (Parent Representative)
Keri Schouten (Parent Representative)

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was conducted remotely due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and according to the revised open meeting law that allows remote participation.

1. Allyson Mizoguchi called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was taken:

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Allyson Mizoguchi (School Principal)	X	
Win Treese (Community Representative)	X	
Maura Batts (Parent Representative)		X
Orla Daunt (Parent Representative)	X	
Keri Schouten (Parent Representative)		X
Madeeha Syeda (Student Representative)	X	
Zachary Mittelsteadt (Student Representative)	X	
Gwen Goldin (Staff Representative)	X	
Jill Swenson (Staff Representative)	X	

2. Public Comment
 - No public comments

3. Approval of minutes: December 9, 2020 and 2018-2019 school year

Motion to approve: Win Treese

Second: Jill Swenson

<u>ROLL CALL</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Allyson Mizoguchi (School Principal)	X	
Win Treese (Community Representative)	X	
Zachary Mittelsteadt (Student Representative)	X	
Madeeha Syeda (Student Representative)	X	
Gwen Goldin (Staff Representative)	X	
Jill Swenson (Staff Representative)	X	
Orla Daunt (Parent Representative)	abstain	

4. Discussion of WHS School Improvement Plan related to “Elevating Achievement”

- Statement of desire on the part of the School Council to take meaningful action this year in this area. Even “one small step” could be significant for students and their learning.
- Discussion of current course recommendation process, including:
 - Application of policy from department to department; different degrees of leniency and subjectivity of recommendations
 - Support provided to students when they move from intro or college to honors or AP depending on department and course
 - Statement of need for clarification of what the move requires in terms of work and skills
 - Question about preponderance of support of private tutors
 - Statement of need for clarification of supports available to students in school
 - Importance of conversations between students and teachers
 - Importance of conversations between students and counselors, and statement of need to make that step more consistent for all students
 - Statement of need to make the Program of Studies more accessible to interested students/families, both in terms of location (website, print copies) and home language
- Discussion of preparation for student interviews/focus groups
 - Brainstorming of what we want to understand through this process
 - Are students being recommended to honors/AP courses and then declining the recommendation? Why?
 - Discussion of the “pipeline problem”: level placement at

elementary and MS largely determines HS placement

- What is the success rate of students who have overridden into a higher level course?
 - The “risk” involved in an override: what do students understand about the ramifications of overriding? What happens if they don’t succeed?
- Statement of need to understand historical demographic data of students in honors/AP courses; will examine that at next meeting
- Desire to increase representation at next meeting when we discuss data and potential focus group questions; perhaps invite METCO Coordinator and Coordinator for Diversity and Inclusion
- Suggestion to conduct focus group of alumni

5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Win Treese

Second: Jill Swenson

ROLL CALL	YES	NO
Allyson Mizoguchi (School Principal)	X	
Win Treese (Community Representative)	X	
Zachary Mittelsteadt (Student Representative)	X	
Madeeha Syeda (Student Representative)	X	
Gwen Goldin (Staff Representative)	X	
Jill Swenson (Staff Representative)	X	
Orla Daunt (Parent Representative)	X	

The School Council adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

List of Documents:

“WHS School Improvement Plan 2020-21 DRAFT”

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson Mizoguchi
Principal
WHS