

**MINUTES FROM WHS SCHOOL COUNCIL - APPROVED
FEBRUARY 12, 2024**

A meeting of the Wayland High School School Council was conducted remotely on February 12, 2024, due to the COVID-19 health pandemic and according to the revised open meeting law that allows remote participation.

Allyson Mizoguchi called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Roll call was taken:

ROLL CALL	Yes	No
John Ali	X	
Malcolm Astley	X	
Merline Bhukanwala	X	
Abigail Buffum	X	
Carolyn Crary	X	
Samantha Lee	X	
Maryam Libdi	X	
Allyson Mizoguchi	X	
Joe Oneschuk		X
Zachary Rainville	X	
Renae Shadday	X	
Jill Swenson	X	
Zach Tussing	X	

1. Public comment

- No public comment

2. Administrative matters

- Approval of minutes: January 8, 2024
- Motion to approve: Malcolm Astley
- Second: Zach Tussing

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3. Continued discussion of WHS Advisory program

Before discussion commenced, Malcolm asked if the development of the Advisory program was related to the murder of Lauren Dunne Astley. Allyson recalled that the planning began in 2009 with hiring of a consultant and in response to an uptick in fights on campus.

Update on Student Council involvement

- Zach R.: Student Council has open time between now and spring to create some sort of kahoots, games, activities for the advisories to participate in on a regular basis
- Members of the Council voiced support for this idea
- Malcolm suggested keeping the need for Advisory in mind as plans proceed

Possible survey of students and staff

- Previous survey of students and staff in 2016 prompted changing groupings, etc.
- Subcommittee of this group to help Allyson craft a survey to give to staff and students, either based on survey from 2016 or something totally new
- Discussion of the original goals of Advisory and whether those have changed (it was designed to foster relationships and help students find a trusted adult and have a safe space)
- Discussion of whether the time is right to re-look at the goals and to review effectiveness
- Malcolm asked about involvement of Counseling Department; Allyson recalled that the Department Head of Counseling had a key role in developing the program
- Zach T. summarized six themes to the discussion: duration/grouping/frequency/impact/sentiment/goals/structure and content.

Acknowledged that we can't address all of them now; perhaps we look at content and structure now, and then incorporate survey results to impact program positively

- Renae suggested that we survey the teachers to see how they feel about being able to meet these goals with the time constraints or how could we modify the goals to better serve
- Zach T suggested shaping the survey around things that we might actually be able to change
- Carolyn suggested connecting with the MS to see how the TAG program runs just to know where our students come from with their experiences
- Abigail offered insight from her own district's Advisory program; wondered about how the seven minutes are used
- Next steps, to convene a subgroup

4. Course selection process

Input on timeline for course changes

- Allyson requested feedback on suggested change in timeline for course changes
- Currently students may not move "down" a level after 3rd week of Q3. Proposed: after the 5th week of Q2
- Jill asked about number of students this impacts (Allyson said still collecting data)
- Zach R. guessed that the tighter timeframe might deter students from forcing themselves into harder classes that they may not be prepared for
- Abigail asked about the "Withdraw" (given if drop happens after second semester)
- Maryam asked about overall data related to level changes; this data is being collected but longitudinal data may not be available
- Merline suggested that tightening the window seems like a good thing for the students to get used to as they head to college

5. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn (7:45 p.m.): Merline Bhukanwala
- Second: Renae Shadday

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Respectfully submitted,

Allyson Mizoguchi
Jill Swenson