

**MINUTES FROM WHS SCHOOL COUNCIL - APPROVED
NOVEMBER 13 , 2023**

A meeting of the Wayland High School School Council was conducted remotely on November 13, 2023, 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 7:00 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	
Rena Shadday	X	
Jill Swenson	X	
Zach Tussing	X	

1. Public comment

Community member Robin Sklar asked members to include in their introductions how they came to be on the Council.

2. Introductions and welcome

All members introduced themselves (role and reason for interest in being on the Council). The process for each member's participation was explained.

3. Administrative matters

- Approval of minutes: June 12, 2023
- Motion to approve: Jill Swenson
- Second: Zach Tussing

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

4. Selection of co-chair for School Council 2023-2024

Brief discussion of the purpose, norms, and protocols of the School Council.

The co-chair helps Allyson develop the agendas and identify priorities/agenda items for the Council's work. Zach Tussing volunteered to be co-chair.

Approval of Zach Tussing as co-chair of School Council
 Motion to approve: Jill Swenson
 Second: Carolyn Crary

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

4. Discussion of WHS School Improvement Plan, 2023-2024

Allyson shared a draft of the WHS Improvement Plan in light of the newly approved District Improvement Plan. Explained and asked if we have questions in regards to the Academic Achievement goals. Explained and asked if we have questions in regards to the Belonging and Equity goals.

Malcolm asked a question about the intention to create safe spaces for students and staff given the multiple stressors for both of these groups. Feels that this goal is of utmost importance; we need opportunities to feel safe when so many in our culture don't feel safe at all

Allyson responded: largely based on data from the MWAHS, and one of the pieces of data is protective factors, and *belonging* is one of them. Usually very high, but not all students feel a sense of belonging at school. Want to heighten the number of students who feel like they belong and are safe on campus. Some new student affinity groups, more clubs, potentially tweaking Advisory. We are making efforts around affinity groups for teachers of color to create a shared sense of belonging. Looking at teacher hiring practices, strengthening our mentoring program and creating PLCs (Professional Learning Communities).

Allyson explained and asked if we have questions in regards to the Social Emotional Learning and Wellness goals. Working with Interim Director of Student Services and counseling staff. Prof development offered for counseling staff on CBT and DBT strategies. Healthy Relationships task force continues.

Allyson requested that we look at the high school goals before the next meeting with questions and comments about where we would like to place our efforts for this year and also expect to approve the School Improvement Plan at the next meeting.

5. Selection of dates for School Council meetings 2023-2024

Mondays at 6:45-7:45 p.m. Next meeting tentatively set for 6:45 on 12/11.

Malcolm suggested that we have one topic per meeting and factors for students at risk and student vulnerability, two factors are isolation and signs of shame. He would like those two factors to be considered formally in our awareness systems, monitoring feedback and interventions for these students.

Maryam requested more information that would provide context to the School Improvement Plan action items. Allyson will try to provide an accompanying document for more context.

6. Adjournment

Motion to approve: Zach Tussing

Second: Abigail Buffum

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

Respectfully submitted,

Allyson Mizoguchi

Jill Swenson