



**Haverhill Public Schools**  
**District Parent Council**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**November 19, 2024**

**Location:** Central Office, Large Conference Room

**Time:** 4:00 - 4:45 pm

**Attendees:** Dr. Margaret Marotta, Dianne Connolly, Mikaela Lalumiere (Golden Hill), Heather Dewar (Gateway Academy), Ryan Fairbanks (Walnut Square), James Salerno (Silver Hill), Jen Rubera (HHS), Joanna Dix (Consentino), Nikky Troumbelos (Hunking), Pedro Garcia (Pentucket Lake)

**Updates from Dr. Marotta**

1. She would like a representative from each school
2. Reps should share information with other parents
3. **JG Whittier**
  - a. Modules - electrical/plumbing; move in after holidays
  - b. 5th grade will move to JG Whittier in the fall
  - c. Entire grade will be located and one special
4. **Consentino**
  - a. 10:00 am beam signing 11/20/2024
  - b. Open parent night - for furniture - Silver Hill was not included
  - c. Slightly ahead of schedule
5. **Social Security building**
  - a. Gifted to HPS
  - b. Pre-school services
  - c. On bus line/parking
  - d. Learning for Life program - accessible
  - e. Frees up space
6. **Gateway**
  - a. 40 seniors
  - b. Heather Dewar:
    - So positive toward Gateway
    - Individualized learning
    - Hands on - different ways of learning
7. **MCAS**
  - a. Commissioner sent a brief
  - b. As of January 6, no longer a requirement
  - c. Locally determine - local graduation requirements
  - d. Seniors who haven't passed MCAS - but have passed
  - e. Putting team together to look at local requirements - parents/students
  - f. HPS does have other assessment measures
  - g. How will that impact resources?

## **8. Wit & Wisdom**

- a. My child comes home talking about his books - 3rd graders going to HHS to observe HHS students dissecting squid
- b. Silver Hill With and Wisdom Family Night
  - Disorganized - last year's Strega Nona was great

## **9. New Reports cards coming out**

- a. Standardized based report cards K - 4
- b. 5-8 to letter grades
- c. 9-12 mastery grading
- d. Gateway - letter grades
- e. Jen Rubera update
  - SH and Tilton had standardized based
  - Inconsistencies in report cards across the district
  - Dec 12 & March 27 - two focus groups
  - Jen Rubera will be meeting with Site Councils
  - Draft is out - video coming to explain
  - Are we communicating effectively on what we want kids to know
  - Trying to keep curriculum and assessment consistent
- f. Suggestion - because it is new and different, attach letter to report card w/QR code to get more information - Site Council

## **Areas of interest to learn more about**

1. Policies across the district, such as Halloween costumes and food in classrooms
2. Ruling for CORIs
  - a. Per Sandra McArthur - every 3 years
  - b. Raptor sign in - clarify with Principals if they use it
    - Have parents complete it during K