



KEY COMMUNICATOR: COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Date September 17, 2018
Time 9:00 AM
Place District Administration Offices

Attendees:
Council of Key Communicators
HTSD Superintendents
Shari L. Berg - Public Relations Consultant

The official HTSD Key Communicators' Meeting Report, submitted by Shari L. Berg, can be found here: <http://www.ht-sd.org/pagecfm?p=2885>.

Our focus is to highlight topics from the Key Communicator meeting that are most relevant to Hampton High School attendees and their families.

The meeting opened with a reading and discussion of both the District Mission Statement and the Key Communicator Mission Statement. All participants discussed ways to work on being ambassadors between the families and the administration. We acknowledged that communication is an opportunity to openly discuss how we may agree or disagree – all the while continuing to build trust in one another and collaborate to solve problems, while protecting certain very sensitive subjects. We stressed the need to share everything that we are seeing and hearing around the district so that we can all contribute and benefit from a progressive environment.

Highlights from the Meeting:

- School Start Time: Consideration for beginning the HHS day later is in full swing, with the forum opening up to participants from all buildings and PTOs. A decision about adjusting the start-time is about 1-2 years in the future. A HS Key Communicator will participate on the committee and provide regular updates.
- Infinite-Campus: The HHS principal will blast information from the PTO so that ALL HHS families receive notifications, not just families who purchase a PTO membership. The PTO plans to send messages on a monthly basis, thereby preserving the top-priority

nature that the sender “Infinite-Campus” carries. Subject lines will be used so that recipients can confer a hierarchy to reading incoming mail.

- Hampton Community Opioid Partnership: This grass-roots endeavor will continue to grow with our HHS in the winter of this year by our principal heading up a student summit to discuss the topic of: Future Decision Making. Students will walk away with a framework for how to stay well as they graduate from HHS and move onto other endeavors. The next community-wide Opioid Summit is planned for January, at the Community Center.
- Google Training for Parents: With on-line textbooks, creating and submitting work on-line, and understanding individual on-line teacher classrooms – well, all parents who are rusty with the Google interface and want to be proactive in helping their students are in for a Google training treat! A class will be offered and hopefully recorded so that it can be watched at a time of convenience.
- HHS PTO: The PTO plans to invite the new HHS Security Officer, Steve Scuillo, and Officer Zola to an evening PTO meeting. Parents can attend, visit and meet the PTO volunteers, and ask the very important safety questions directly to those in the know!
- Mindfulness Professional Development Training: The district is providing training to School Counselors and Nurses to enable them to help identify and assist with the well being of the students.

In closing, the words “crossroads of Hampton” came up a lot during the meeting. It’s exciting to know that so many great people, ideas and events come through our district! We may be a smaller district, but our energy and desire to learn keeps us connected to bigger things.

Respectfully,
Carma Lamm and Diana DiMaria