**School Council Meeting – May 7th, 2019**

Attendees: May Chiu, Martha Hausman, Joel Stembridge, Debra Bernhart,

Hema Roychowdhury, Ricardo Gessa, Didem Vardar-Ulu, Peter Meyer,

Clare Landrigan, Xiaoguang Zhen.

1. School Update from Joel Stembridge:

* Late start update from transportation consultant. Need more than 500k per year. Other school, aka Elementary school and middle school, need change time as well to cooperate bus schedule. Ideally Middle school -> High school -> Elementary school. Teachers prefer to change start time and new schedule same time in Sep 2020.
* School should make statement to school committee to move the start time and schedule together.
* Plan to invite school committee members to Sep. School council meeting

1. Weighted GPA sub group presentation:

* Visiting group: Group summarized visits to several high schools and other resources. Group found after removing wGPA: No impact on stress, No impact on rigor of class, College recalculating GPA and looking whole transcript, Drop of override and level change, Equal to all students. Group think it helps our value.
* Survey group: parent survey feedback are negative overall. A lot of misunderstanding. Need more education.
* Research group: Group reviewed different sources, including internet, publications, articles, interviewing college admission. Group findings ae largely in line with visiting group. wGPA usually is overvalued but in some case benefit science and math program. It has no impact on college admission to eliminate wGPA

1. Open discussion

* Majority of school councils support unweighted GPA, but agree the process should not be disruptive. It can be part of large conversation, including class and course change, shifting value etc
* To move forward, the community should be better educated.