

# School Governance Council Meeting

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10 January 2022 / 9:00 am - 9:30 am / Virtual

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## ATTENDEES

Name	Position	Signature
Doug Cheatham	Speech Pathologist	Present
Doug Donato	Op. Manager Wtby. Symphony	Present
Peggy Terhune	Palace Theatre Communications Manager/ Educational Coordinator	Present
Daniel Cocchiola	Guest Speaker	Present
Amy Jones	Guest Speaker	Present

Mary Case	Teacher	Present
Mahasin Gudaf	Student	Present

## AGENDA

1. Discuss what's been happening in January and the plans for the rest of the school year, as they relate to the students at WAMS.

### New Business

1. Introductions
2. Notes

Ms. Jones- updates

- The mentorship program at WAMS is going well as the orchestra students enjoy their advice and input. It was a late start but the time is being made up from the last semester and it has been good so far with no issues.

Ms. Case- updates

- WAMS students in the orchestra have benefitted immensely from the mentorship program. They utilize the program when auditioning for programs and colleges.

Mr. Donato- updates

- The Waterbury Symphony mentorship program at WAMS is going well as previously mentioned, and he is thrilled to

continue the mentorship program as he hopes to do so for years to come.

- Mrs. Vagini will host auditions for the Waterbury Symphony choir which will be a part of the Fortune Project. The Fortune Project is a concert on April 29th at Naugatuck Valley Community College. The community choir will consist of students from within the city and from churches. It will be held on January 11 at 3:00 pm in the choral room at WAMS.

Ms. Terhune - updates

- The show *Anything Goes* had four days of technical rehearsal and two days of performances.
- There was one day of load-in and two days of performance for the band, chorus, and dance holiday concerts.
- The new after-school program just started at the Palace Theatre with a focus on *My Fair Lady*. There were twenty-six middle school and high school students that signed up for the program, Fifteen of those students were from WAMS ranging from grades 6-11. Mrs. Vagini is the lead teacher. Guest faculty will also come in to talk and interact with the students.
- Students will receive a full backstage tour with Mr. Flowers for the after-school program on January 18th.

Mahasin Gudaf- updates

- The National Honor Society is hosting a Family Bingo Night.
- The Senior class is also holding FAFSA nights where families can come in and receive aid in completing their FAFSA form.
- A meeting regarding the Connecticut Automatic Admission Program meeting was held on January 9th. It discussed the program which allows students to be automatically admitted into certain schools within Connecticut.

- The junior and senior class is holding a fundraiser where students pay \$5 to watch two teachers and an additional staff member receive a haircut, and their hair will be donated to an organization afterward.

Mr. Coccihola- comments

- Finds the scale of the Palace Theatre and the students' exposure to that kind of experience to be amazing.
- Believes Mr. Caisee and Ms. Terhune's work with *My Fair Lady* was tremendous.
- Mentions how the extracurriculars at WAMS have been excellent.
- His kid is benefitting tremendously from the afterschool program.
- Looks forward to middle school spring play.
- Wants to figure out how to make sure there is a full complement of academic extensions at the middle school level.

3. The meeting is adjourned at 9:30 AM by Doug Cheatham; seconded by Mr. Donato

4. The Council decided that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7th, 2022 at 9:00 AM, to be held virtually.

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- Minutes available to all stakeholders (e.g., binders, shared drive, e-mail, website)
- Send Minutes via email to all team members

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Establish Long-term goals for the School Governance Council**

## **NEXT MEETING**

Date: February 7th, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM- 9:30 AM

Location: WAMS-virtual

Agenda: Next Steps items