

## **Minutes of March 2 HHS Parent Meeting**

### **Climate Survey Results**

Most of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Lou summarizing the results of a school climate survey taken by middle and high school students on Dec. 9. The survey, developed by researchers at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and Panorama Education and administered in thousands of schools nationwide, asked a series of multiple choice questions about the social and learning climate. It was divided into five categories: school climate, teacher-student relationships, school belonging, school safety, and school engagement.

Lou admitted that he was surprised and disappointed that HHS's scores were lower than the average of other schools in four of the five categories — all but school safety. He said he found some of the results puzzling, such as that the feeling of school belonging declined from 9th graders to 12th graders. Lou said he plans to have meetings with students to better understand the results. The survey will be administered again to compare with the December findings.

### **Vaping Update**

Lou said the 2nd floor boys bathroom had been closed for the last few days because it was a center for vaping. He described the efforts by himself and Melissa as well as the security guard to monitor the bathrooms for vaping.

### **HHS Student Lounge Upgrade**

The PTSA will help pay for a renovation of the lounge area near the HHS entrance to make it more attractive. The Student Union will decide what changes to make, but since it's a multi-use area permanent structures that can't be moved will not be allowed.