

**DFHS Compact Committee Meeting #2**  
**Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 12:10 PM Room 309 HS**

**Members in Attendance:**

Committee Leader: Connor Cohn

**Teachers:**

1. Scott Patrillo
2. Megan Lois
3. Maria Addona
4. Terrence Brennan
5. Amanda Newhouse

**Parents:**

1. Jen Polimeno

**Students:**

1. Jolee McDonnell
2. Zach Holzman
3. Jack Baglieri
4. Elizabeth Valentin
5. Samantha Straub
6. Remy Nammour
7. Michael Schwartz
8. Andrew Schwab
9. Allison Burt

Origination Discussion Highlights from Session #1: What does it mean to have a sense of belonging to a school or community?

Committee Input:

- Feeling valued and respected
- Having something to do and people to work with
- Feeling supported

**Definition of school belonging:** The feeling of being valued and respected in the school building. You feel engaged and important to the activities and success of the school. (Session #2)

Committee response during session #2:

**Concrete idea for Peer Leader Program:**

-Students apply as first semester juniors. Those accepted get matched with 8th graders during the second semester. They work with the 8th graders during the second semester of that year

AND first semester of the senior year (those 8th graders freshman year of HS)

**OR**

-Students apply as first semester sophomores. Those accepted get matched with 8th graders during the second semester. They work with 8th graders during the second semester of that year and the following two years. (Creates a two year relationship)

**“Start With Hello” Campaign. - A more active / positive spin on stomp out bullying campaign.**

**Start with hello**

Something concrete we can do for a week in the High School / Middle School this year. It may drive more participation than an anti-bullying campaign.

**School Events → Concrete Ideas**

#1 Grade level field trips. -> Start with Met Field Trip and NYC Field trip for freshman and seniors for 2018-2019 school year. Try and institute 10th and 11th grade field trips for 2019-2020.

#2 Institute a spirit week and pep rally for winter and spring sports:

-Blind Brook Winter Season Pep Rally Model -> Extended halftime of basketball game give all winter athletes recognition.

- Have a spirit week first week back from midterms - start second semester well.

#3 -Completely revamp / change Senior Academy Awards

- Show IB Films during Academy Awards
- Have students announce their plans for next year
- Pre-taped faculty skits or commercials
- Cut down on senior superlatives. Or use video / increased teacher participation for presenting awards.