



# STONY BROOK SCHOOL

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## School Advisory Council 2022-2023

*The Stony Brook School Advisory Council collaborates respectfully and efficiently while developing and assessing goals towards a common objective in a fun environment that fosters listening and sharing, and encourages feedback.*

**Date of Meeting: December 12, 2022**

**Time: 2:10-3:10**

**Location: Remote Google Meet** <https://meet.google.com/prq-kubk-cfr>

### **Council Members :**

Principal	Allison Hammer	present
Faculty	Michele Dulczewski	present
Faculty	Mary Larkin	not present
Faculty	Helene Orvoen	present
Faculty	Mindy Schnare	present
Parent	Seema Pusalkar	present
Parent	Ramya Soman	present
Parent	Karen Wiczynski	present
Parent	Tom Hinkle	present

### **Agenda:**

1. Approve minutes from [November 2022](#) SAC meetings
2. Review and clarify ideas for feedback on 4 priority areas of Westford's Strategic District Improvement Plan
  - a. Focus on 4th goal
  - b. Review feedback from all 4 goals to help focus ideas for School Improvement Plan
  - c. [Link to SB Copy of SDIP Priority Areas](#)

### **Discussion:**

1. Approved November 2022 minutes unanimously
2. Reviewed and clarified ideas for feedback on 4 priority areas of Westford's Strategic District Improvement Plan

Focus on 4th goal : Collaborate with Town partners to support goals specifically outlined in the Westford's Climate Roadmap authored by the Clean Energy and Sustainability Co.

- Information about the environment club founded by students at SB : the goal is to measure and decrease the ecological footprint of the school (recycling and composting practices involved)
- Idea from Bill Harmon [harmanwh@gmail.com](mailto:harmanwh@gmail.com), community member about using the woods as a conservation land behind the school and get the students involved
- Discussion about resource person regarding composting : Sharon Chew member of the Westford Agricultural Commission - [schew@westfordma.gov](mailto:schew@westfordma.gov)
- Ideas from Mindy Schnare about integrating 6th graders through a project in finding solutions to reach net zero at SB : document [Stony Brook's map to net zero by 2050](#) ; some elements discussed :
  - the 2 unused solar panels that may contribute to feed charging stations
  - MASSAVE visit
  - Bring awareness through the project of the plastic bag in order to visualize non recyclable/reusable trash for a day
  - Compost produced by the school could be used for the greenhouse
  - Establishing compost from food trash from students lunches; Tom Hinkle shared [a document](#) from his school where students started to look for solutions to integrating composting practices (practices start at a small scale, info shared with the whole school to educate all students)
  - Addressing plastic silverware issue : use of real silverware to dishwash, wooden silverware, recycle plastic silverware, students could bring their own silverware
  - Car traffic and idling issue - lines of cars that are running at drop off and pick up : change practices and establishing walking pathways to school rather than car drop off
  - Looking for how other schools reduce their footprint (from New England and Europe where organization around lunches is different).

**Decisions:**

- Karen will reach out to Sharon Chew regarding sharing resources about composting.

**Adjourned 3:10 pm**