

Community Meeting Notes — April 18, 2019

Thank you PTSA volunteer note-takers

- Enrollment throughout the District is projected to go down based on District demographer's estimates. As a result, GHS is also losing about 300 students next year. Reasons for the decline could be: families are moving out of Seattle due to high cost of living, baby bust cycle and calculations for Running Start students have been modified. Roosevelt and Ballard are facing similar decline. GHS going from 1769 last year to 1488 next year, with a staff reduction of 17. The 2019-20 head count is 1488; however, the AAFTE (funded/assigned head count) is 1376, due to Running Start, online course taking, etc.
- As a result of student enrollment going down, staff is being cut, again, across the District, with GHS, Roosevelt and Ballard seeing largest decline in staffing (17-20 FTE)
- Enrollment is also impacted by the opening of Lincoln HS in Wallingford, and West Seattle's HCC pathway opening last year. HCC students now being dispersed throughout city, rather than all coming to GHS
- If the legislature approves some extra funding, we could get some resources back, but won't know until this summer
- Course offerings are based on student requests and while courses may not be cut, we may see reduced sections offered of a particular class. They don't expect to drop high demand courses but expect sections to decrease, as enrollment is declining. Please understand that every year we struggle to balance course offerings with demand: as an example, some years we offer a semester of macroeconomics, but can't offer microeconomics. There are choices that often have to be made especially with electives. Typically a minimum of 25 students are required to schedule an elective course
- 2019-20 course scheduling finalization is anticipated by May 15
- In general, the District is hoping to offer AP courses more equitably across the District so that students have equal opportunities to take courses at any high school
- Mr. Blanton talked about safety and security at the school: a new police officer has been assigned to GHS as our former, Mr. Binny, has retired. There are over 100 cameras throughout the school and people now need to check-in at the front office and the new electronic system will scan a person's driver's license number to ensure they are acceptable to go inside the building
- Mr. Howard, along with his 3 Assistant Principals were present: Ms. Hunt, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Blanton, and other staff members, including teachers: Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Truax