

NHS School Council Meeting Notes

October 12, 2011

Notes:

- **Present:** Mike Gauthier, Stevie Bentley, Beth Denault, Kathryn Ducey, Gretchen Roche, Nancy Weaner, Harold Perkson, Mr. Zuidema, MegBrouwer, Mr. Brown, Katherine Maguire, & Jeff Andrews.
- **Current Events:** Not done formally but done in every class. Maybe add an elective?
- **G.P.A.:** Probably changing next year to 4.0 scale to even out the playing field for college scholarships. Right now we're not competitive academically since it gets scaled. Double check numerical conversions. Scholarships are a key factor in a family's college decision. Other schools in the area use 4.0 and some don't calculate electives into their GPAs. Are they not being calculated correctly? Kerran Goff will be at the next meeting to discuss this.
- **Schedule Adjustment:** Thinking about changing the rotation next year to a 6 period rotation with an official advisory class of 10-14 kids that stay with the same teacher (mentor). Will help us with NEASC. Get credit but not graduation requirement. We'll know by next mtg.
- **Dance attire:** Kids aren't allowed to change – there was just a wardrobe malfunction.
- **NEASC Committees:** Special report by teachers is on its way. The 5 year report is due 5/2013.
- **Naviance:** Do parents know about it? Is there a way to send a msg out through iParent? It's more of a tool for students to apply to college and search for what they need/want.
 - Students requested getting help with Naviance for the common app during English classes
- **MCAS results:** Online presentation. Slight calculation error. We did make AYP with ELA but not with Math. VERY small percentage of kids/numbers involved. 119 scores went up.
- **UNOFFICIAL Senior week Schedule 2012:**
 - Class Night 5/23
 - Split into 2 different nights so FA&A can be more meaningful?
 - How can we get more kids & parents to class night?
 - 10 year prophecy?
 - Make it mandatory?
 - Baccalaureate 5/24
 - Senior trip to Ocean Beach Park 5/29
 - Senior banquet & Op Grad set up 5/30
 - Graduation 5/31
- **IStudent:** Can it be opened?
 - If there is more interest for parents to get on Iparent, it might be feasible to open IStudent
 - Connect Ed?
 - Middle school – can they get Iparent?
- **Bus issue resolved!**
- **John & Abigail Adams Scholarship:** recipients will be known at the end of the month
- **Dance prices vs. activity fee?**
- **Student Advisory Group:** Marina Braga, Jurrell Cromwell, Jeff Andrews and Josh Beauregard
- **College Fair:** limited to 3-4 schools and do it here. Naviance link?
- **Op Grad:**
 - will graduation date be changing? We'll know by the end of the month. Twenty kids will be able to help clean up on Friday morning. Switching it now could be more of a problem for those who has already made arrangements to visit for the 31 of May. It was switched by student vote to accommodate a admin member that they feel is extremely important to them and don't want to miss it. However he is fine with doing whatever it best for everyone. It was brought up a year ago and no one has sent in word that it would be a bad date. There possibly is a petition circling to change it to June 1.

- CombineOpgrad with Uxbridge?

Meeting info:

- Next meeting: November 9
- Upcoming meetings: 2nd Wednesdays of month: December 14, January 11, February 22, March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13.

Website:

- Has been fixed!