

NHS School Council Meeting Notes

January 11, 2012

Notes:

- **Present:** Mike Gauthier, Stevie Bentley, Melody Rae, Stephanie Bloomquist, Jon Roy, Zach Ramsdell, Nancy Weaner, Donna Leon, Gretchen Roche, Meagan Brouwer, Joanne Vierck, Alicia LeClaire, Kathy Ducey, Beth Denault
- **Budget:** Subcommittee meets tonight (@6p in media center) to talk about preliminary budget. It's voted on in May. Planning on 4% increase. Includes new positions at NES, Balmer & Middle School.
 - High school isn't getting new positions even though the class size is raising- new positions the next year?
 - High school will be paid of 10 years ahead of time because the state is dropping off \$15 million for it.
- **Fees-Activities-Athletics:** Pay as you play policy – there is a cap for sports and activities. There is wiggle room for kids who can't afford it.
 - Free and reduced lunch kids can get scholarships. Everyone else has to be on payment plan.
 - Ciccone does it for athletics and White does clubs and activities.
 - Athletic fees won't be reduced in the future.
 - Fee for adding lunch money online??
 - Student council fees – what are the differences? Do dues go to the special groups of kids going on trips?
 - Costs of supplies.
 - Advisors need to articulate their financial policies better.
 - Can't sign one form for liability – has to be one for each activity and sport. It's a legal thing.
 - Juniors can't go on college tours. Can it be changed?
 - Drinking policy – if you are an athlete and get caught drinking or admit to it etc... MIAA rule is 25% suspension, second time 60%, third time is done for the year.
 - If you're in the vicinity, it no longer counts against you.
 - If a student doesn't play sports, you can't do anything.
 - If you are part of another group that has a policy on conduct you have to follow through on them.
 - In the building or at a school event – it's a whole other story.
 - What about loop holes? Nothing can be done.
- **Grief Policy:** There is a policy in place but we adjust it.
 - Kids aren't taking advantage of it.
 - Suicide prevention program is coming up.
- **Schedule 2-12-13:** Move in the direction of the new schedule we talked about last time. Try to put in a "study" for juniors and seniors for **no** credits. Advisory period in too to help kids for 4 years and it won't affect academics – meets once every 7-8 days.

- Link leaders miss activities.
 - **POS:** Adding and subtracting classes. There's not a lot of wiggle room because there are 12 AP classes.
 - **Enrollment:** It fluctuates. It'll be over 700 next year.
 - **Data:** Last year's haven't come out yet. We're making our way up. Drop outs not an option.
 - Graduation Rate: 80.5(08-09), 83.3(09-10).
 - Dropout Data: 3.4(08-09), 3.7(09-10).
 - **Student Advisory Council:** Bring concerns to School Committee. First meeting this month.
 - **Questions?:**
 - Real World connections:
 - Graduates from two years ago to visited about things we do well and need to work on.
 - Promotion of athletics, Physics, Engineering, SMART Board, Pre AP bio, Pilot history program, Clubs and activities, English.
 - Classes to add? Philosophy, economics, computer science, accounting.
 - Some things aren't rigorous enough.
- John & Abigail Adams Scholarship – at the end of the month