

# NHS School Council Meeting Notes

September 14, 2011

## Notes:

- **Present:** Mike Gauthier, Stevie Bentley, Beth Denault, Kathryn Ducey, Gretchen Roche & Meg Brouwer
- **Council Election:** Denault, Roche, Ducey, Donati, Weaner, Perkson, & Zuidema
- **IPass:** Ranking is not showing on IPass/IParent, not to be abused by parents
- **MMSI grant:** coming on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to talk about it to kids. 176 kids in Math, Science & English, 50 in Psych & History. Highest scores last year in History and English. Math was good. Science not good. Put \$5000 in for classes to buy technology. Next year it's \$4000, the year after it's \$3000. If the kids get a qualifying score the kids get \$100 and each teacher gets \$ depending how their kids do.
- **Budget:** Start working on it with dept. heads soon and it should be ok.
- **New Faculty:** Jeff Kozik (social studies), Danielle Donaruma (art), Summer Jones-Riolo (computers), Neil Polucha (math)
- **FY 12-13:** No issues now.
- **Dropout/Graduation Rate:** There will be different numbers at the end of this year – it will drop precipitously. Exploring other options for kids. It was at 83% last year.
- **Enrollment:** Freshmen-190, Sophomores- 180/190, Juniors- 180/190, Seniors- 131. Trying to increase enrollment. Competing with schools in the area.
- **Athletics:** In full swing right now – big push in pay for play. Money is not an issue – scholarships are available or talk to Mike. Payment plans are possible.
- **Op-Grad:** Deb McClure is in charge.
- **MCAS/AYP/Action Plans:** ELA made AYP but not in low income subgroup. Need to work on it. Math didn't make AYP in any of the three categories. Developing action plans and hitting math harder. No excuses.
- **Questions?**
  - Busses are overcrowded?
  - College fair is coming up. Is this on a calendar anywhere of colleges that are coming in?
  - Is the password for Naviance the same or different from their kids'?
  - There is a school resource officer here Tuesdays and Thursday and will do lessons.
  - Drug & alcohol education – only told what happens if you get caught.

## Meeting info:

- Next meeting: October 12
- Upcoming meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of month: November 9, December 14, January 11, February 22, March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13.

## Website:

- <http://nps.org/highschool/schoolcouncil>
- Dates and incorrect location and time meeting

- Needs to be updated
- 2:30-4 in health conference room on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month