

North Reading High School  
School Council Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2013

Meeting Place: NRHS Library  
Time: 2:15pm

Attendees:

Jon Bernard, Principal  
Anthony Loprete, Assistant Principal  
Michele Reardon, Parent Representative  
Matt Leighton, Student Representative  
Brian McAuliffe, Teacher Representative  
Lillian Diezemann, Curriculum Specialist, Business Education  
Wendy Diozzi, Curriculum Specialist, Foreign Languages  
Gretchen Shaw, Curriculum Specialist, Visual Arts

Minutes from the December 13, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Mr. McAuliffe offered a motion to accept the Minutes; seconded by Mr. Bernard. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Diezemann spoke about the Business Education Department:

- 1) the department would like to look at hiring an additional teacher to help accommodate increasing class sizes as well as offer additional and new courses for upcoming years.
- 2) Accounting II was added this year as a new course.
- 3) Obtain updated text books for Small Business Management, Financial Management, and Accounting for which current textbooks all almost a decade or more old and are outdated,
- 4) New building to address current issues with electrical outlet placements and need for additional Smartboards for classrooms.
- 5) Current class sizes are large and at or above capacity.  
Microsoft Office averages 27 students; Internet/ Web classrooms average 30; Publisher averages 26.5 & Freshman Seminar averages 23.
- 6) Basic operation costs were outlined including those for ink cartridges, paper, projector bulbs and grading sheets.
- 7) Expand DVD library.

Ms Wendy Diozzi presented on the Foreign Language Department:

- 1) We will continue to offer a transitional Spanish course for students as well as honors levels courses.
- 2) Increasing access to technology including IPods, Tablets allowing teachers greater ability to assess verbal skills of students especially with oral exams. Teachers are involved in iPad grant.
- 3) The department will need additional texts and audio equipment especially for AP courses to be compatible with AP exams. New French books are particularly needed.
- 4) Look at a portable language lab with iPads and headphones to allow students to continue to practice their language skills.
- 5) Teachers will continue to engage in professional development.
- 6) Mandarin will be offered in 2013-14 school year.
- 7) Foreign language department hosted foreign language student from Spain this past year.
- 8) Curriculum Council continues to work with Middle School to help with transition.
- 9) An International Club has been formed with students in Spanish and French classes.

Ms. Gretchen Shaw presented on Visual Arts Department.

- 1) Looking at getting displays for student artwork.
- 2) The department will need new flat file storage in ceramic/ design rooms.

- 3) New building to address current space issues.
- 4) Continue to support funding for professional development that will help staff maintain necessary skills to teach courses.
- 5) Continue to enter student artwork in local, regional and state shows.
- 6) Digital Photography and Industrial Design were both introduced as new courses this past year.
- 7) The department will coordinate with the principle to obtain necessary equipment and materials.

Next Meeting: February 14, 2013 at 2:15 pm  
Meeting adjourned : 3:18pm

Signed: Michele Reardon