

North Reading High School  
School Council Meeting  
March 7, 2013  
Time: 2:15pm  
Place: NRHS Library

## MINUTES

### Attendees:

Jon Benard, Principal  
Anthony Loprete, Assistant Principal  
Michele Reardon, Parent Representative  
Matthew Leighton, Student Representative  
Mr. Michael Rosa, Director of Guidance  
Ms. Patricia Bullard, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Matthew Leighton offered a motion to have the minutes from the last meeting accepted. Jon Bernard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Michael Rosa, Director of Guidance presented on the needs for the Guidance Department in 2013-14.

- 1) The department would like to increase staffing with the consideration of a position for an adjustment counselor to help meet the growing needs of the student body.
- 2) The department plans on continuing to increase its grade level developmental programs to allow for more student seminars and educational programs.
- 3) Increase the technology to help support and enhance Administrator's Plus and Naviance/ Family Connection programs
- 4) The staff has succeeded in being able to attend a wide variety of professional development opportunities this past year.

Ms. Patricia Bullard, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, presented on the needs of the Special Education Department in the upcoming year:

- 1) The department would like to obtain additional materials to support special education students such as Dragon Speech, E-Readers, and access to vocational supplies and assessment tools.
- 2) Currently the department employs 21 full time personnel including paraprofessionals.
- 3) The department will continue to need to train all teachers to teach children with English as a second language. There are currently 7 students in district; one student is enrolled at the high school
- 4) Students continue to receive education on bullying and teachers professional development on CPR and CPI (Crisis Preventive & Intervention) annually. While a good number of faculty are trained in these certifications, it is necessary that this number continues to increase with the eventual hope that all staff may be trained and prepared for any given emergency.

- 5) The department continues to offer the healthy choices workshops which have been implemented over the past four years.
- 6) Co-teaching training for the summer/fall of 2013 is underway with a second cohort of teacher-partners scheduled to participate.
- 7) Continued support is needed for the very successful Language-Based disabilities program offered to identified students in grades 9-12.
- 8) The first student of the Transition Program completed the program this year.

Other Business:

- 1) High School accreditation continues on track with individual committees meeting regularly. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 14th.
- 2) Secondary School Building project: There continues to be a deficit in the current building budget. A third informational forum is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) 2014 budget on track and includes a \$25,000 budget for the Accreditation Committee's visit in the spring of 2014.

Matthew Leighton offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bernard and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: April 11, 2013; 2:15pm