

North Reading High School Council

When: May 28, 2014

Time: 2:15pm

Place: NRHS Library

Attendees:

Jon Bernard, Principal

Michele Reardon, Parent Representative

Marci Bailey, Parent Representative

Susan Shedd, Parent Representative

Deanna Castro, Parent Representative

Brian McAuliffe, Teacher Representative

Matthew Leighton, Student Representative

Emily Carlos, Student Representative

Minutes from last meeting were accepted.

- 1) The School Improvement Plan draft was presented and edits were made by the committee as needed.
- 2) Discussion of how staff could explore and access professional development opportunities outside of those offered during the academic year was raised.
- 3) Discussion regarding the new 9th grade Mathematics curriculum and need for increased staffing to help accommodate these needs was also raised.
- 4) A statement about expanding travel opportunities for students abroad was introduced into the School Improvement Plan.
- 5) The need for additional staffing was discussed and stressed throughout reviewing the Council's Plan. Departments that were felt to particularly need staffing include: Guidance, Science, Business, Mathematics, Foreign Language, Health Education and Special Education.
- 6) The Council elected to include an introductory paragraph highlighting and stressing their support and strong recommendations for the acquisition of additional staffing needed to support North Reading's core curriculum, values, and goals.
- 7) The need to update textbooks and software to allow students to the most current and up to date curriculum was also stated.
- 8) The edited School Improvement Plan was reviewed and approved by all members of the Council.

Other Business:

Mr. Bernard informed the School Council about pending review of the current policy on the use of electronic devices (iPhones, iPads) for educational purposes. Mr. Loprete has been interviewing and surveying students regarding their views.

School Committee Meeting has been set for June 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm at which the School Improvement Plan will be presented for acceptance.

Next School Council Meeting at June 12, 2014 at 2:15pm

Meeting adjourned: 4:05 pm

Signed: Michele Reardon