

North Reading High School Council
November 14, 2013
Time: 2:15pm
Place: NRHS Library

Attendees:

Jon Bernard, Principal
Anthony Loprete, Assistant Principal
Michele Reardon, Parent Representative
Deanna Castro, Parent Representative
Susan Shedd, Parent Representative
Brian McAuliffe, Teacher Representative
Wayne Hardacker, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Rose Stadig, Student Support Services
Matthew Leighton, Student Representative

Minutes from last meeting were accepted.

- 1) Rose Stadig presented on the needs of the special education department for the 2014-15 academic year.
- 2) The department was able to hire an adjustment counselor this year. This has allowed the department to better meet the needs of students especially transitioning back into school following prolonged absences.
- 3) The department would like to continue to expand to meet its ever growing and demanding needs and anticipates additional staffing in the upcoming year.
- 4) The department would like to continue with professional development necessary to support the common core state standards. Several members of the department were able to participate in professional development this past summer and were able to bring the information they learned back to the department to incorporate into better serving students. Areas that have continued educational needs include assessment and planning.
- 5) The department was pleased to report that the Transition Academy continues to be successful and has become an integral part of the NRHS community.
- 6) There are concerns about increasing class sizes with some classrooms currently struggling to be able to meet the needs of all students. This will need to be monitored going forward.
- 7) Wayne Hardacker, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented on the current status of the Secondary School Building project. Currently, the project is on target and it is projected that the current high school will be used as a middle school for the 2014-15 school year and that the new high school will open in the fall.
- 8) Mr. Hardacker meets twice daily with the construction team to assess any ongoing or new needs that may arise.
- 9) In the interim, the Buildings and Grounds department continues to work diligently to maintain the current high school facility. The department has done an exemplary job at being able to maintain the current facilities given their age and the resources available to the department.
- 10) Other Business: Mr. Bernard updated Council on NEASC Self-Study/Accreditation Visit (March 2-5, 2014). The majority of the self-study reports have been completed and approved. Six reports have been approved and only one is awaiting approval.

Next Meeting December 12, 2014 at 2:15pm

Meeting adjourned: 3:20pm

Signed: Michele Reardon