

North Reading High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2012

Meeting Place: NRHS Library
Time: 2:15pm

Attendees:

Jon Bernard, Principal
Anthony Loprete, Assistant Principal
Michele Reardon, Parent Representative
Matthew Leighton, Student Representative
Kate Dabrieo, English Curriculum Specialist
Barbara Lurvey, Math Curriculum Specialist

Minutes of last Meeting were reviewed and approved.

Meeting started with presentations from Ms. Barbara Lurvey of the Mathematics Department and Ms. Kate Dabrieo of the English Department on each of their proposed departmental plans for the School Improvement Plan.

- 1) Ms. Lurvey reviewed needs for Math department. Teachers will continue to work on Professional development through pre-set aside half days, workshops and book clubs.
- 2) Goals of Math department include continuing to provide MCAS support for students at risk of failing as well as for SAT testing.
- 3) Ms. Lurvey stressed the need for continued Test Preparation Course to help students improve their test testing skills.
- 4) Math department to look at adding new courses including AP Calculus, Statistics and Advanced Placement Computer Science.
- 5) It was identified that more Math textbooks are needed to help accommodate the large class sizes.
- 6) The Math Department identified needs in increasing technology and upgrading hardware and software.
- 7) The Math Department will continue to try and address staffing to help with large class sizes which have been increasing as students become interested in taking more advanced Math courses.
- 8) The Math department will hopefully acquire more SMART boards and address space issues with the creation of the new facilities.
- 9) Ms. Dabrieo reviewed needs of the English Department including trying to decrease class size and offer more electives in the senior year.
- 10) The English Department would like to add a World Literature requirement and an elective in Shakespearean Literature.
- 11) The English department would like to purchase updated textbooks to help students meet our Core Standards.
- 12) Ms. Dabrieo reviewed technology and professional needs.
- 13) Staffing needs for the English department were discussed and stressed as a priority for the department as a whole.

Other Business:

- 14) Mr. Bernard announced that the Fiscal Budget for 2014 would be presented at the next meeting.
- 15) Mr. Bernard reviewed proposed new AP courses for next year which he is to present to the School Board for approval.
- 16) Mr. Bernard reviewed need for Freshman Seminar and whether freshmen would benefit more

from electives. Options were discussed including possibility of breaking up the Seminar into 2 years. Eliminating Seminar completely was presented but it was felt that students benefited from the Seminar and at least parts of it should continue.

17) Mr. Bernard reviewed Student and Parent Survey for Accreditation Process. School is currently in process of collecting surveys from all parents and students. Students completed their surveys today during classroom time.

19) Mr. Bernard reviewed the School Building Project which has broken ground and is on schedule.

Next Meeting: December 13, 2012; 2:30 p.m.

Meeting Ajournd: 3:13 pm

Signed: Michele Reardon. 11/8/12