

North Reading High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2013

First School Council Meeting
Meeting Place: NRHS Library
Time: 2:15pm

Attendees :

Jon Bernard, Principal
Anthony Loprete, Assistant Principal
Michele Reardon, Parent Representative
Deanna Castro, Parent Representative
Susan Shedd, Parent Representative
Marci Bailey, Parent Representative
Matt Leighton, Student Representative

- 1) Call for 2013-14 year Council Secretary was made. Michele Reardon volunteered and was re-elected by Council.
- 2) Mr. Bernard reviewed the two year School Improvement Plan as well as planning for the budget on a two year basis. Mr. Bernard reviewed Council's process for drafting 2014-15 School Improvement Plan with new members.
- 3) Mr. Bernard reviewed need for more staffing with an increase in the incoming student population. Currently it is anticipated that graduation class size will be over 200 students as the current middle school classes matriculate into the high school. An adjustment counselor was hired in to help address student issues in the growing population for this 2013-14 academic year.
- 4) Mr. Bernard presented the current fiscal 2014 year budget, including cost for N.E.A.S.C. Site Visit which reflects a new cost for the High School this year. Individual departmental budgets were reviewed with Council. Mr. Bernard reviewed those department budgets that were significantly higher than from prior years. Those departments that showed an increase in costs this year included Student Activities which began their new Student/Teacher Advisory Program and the Athletic Department which continues to require rental space for current tennis courts that are unavailable with ongoing Secondary School Building construction.
- 5) Question was raised from Council member about moving away from hard texts for classrooms to the use of Smart technology. Mr. Bernard reviewed current iPad program in selected classrooms and anticipates that this program will be increasing for more classrooms over the upcoming academic year.
- 6) Mr. Bernard reviewed development of current Student/Parent Handbook as well as the Program of Studies for the Council.
- 7) Mr. Loprete reviewed the progress of the pending NEASC visit. Four reports (of seven) have been written and approved with the remaining pending approval. NEASC is scheduled for their site visit on March 2-5, 2014.
- 8) Mr. Bernard reviewed Secondary School Building progress. Currently the project is on target as well as on budget. Mr. Bernard is looking at various furniture and equipment for the new school building. Council visited model classroom to view potential furniture and equipment for new school building.

Next Meeting: at 2:15pm, November 14, 2013

Meeting adjourned 3:12pm

Signed: Michele Reardon