

North Reading High School Council Meeting Minutes

When: March 13, 2014

Time: 2:15 pm

Place: NRHS Library

Attendees:

Jon Bernard, Principal

Anthony Loprete, Assistant Principal

Michele Reardon, Parent Representative

Deanna Castro, Parent Representative

Marci Bailey, Parent Representative

Susan Shedd, Parent Representative

Brian McAuliffe, Teacher Representative

Brett Kunze, Teacher Representative

Lillian Diezemann, Business Education Curriculum Specialist

Michelle Giordano, Science Curriculum Specialist

Carla Lister, Music/Theater Curriculum Specialist

Matthew Leighton, Student Representative

Minutes from last meeting were accepted.

1) Ms Diezemann presented on the proposed needs of the Business Education Department for the 2014-15 academic year.

2) The department was able to install a SMART board in room C-120

3) The department would like to continue to expand to meet its ever growing and demanding needs and requests additional staffing in the upcoming year.

4) The department would like to update textbooks in both Intro. to Business, Business Management and Financial Business which are all outdated.

5) There are concerns about increasing class sizes with some classrooms currently struggling to be able to meet the needs of its students. This will need to be monitored going forward.

6) Ms Diezemann presented on outreach with North Shore Community College's STEP program and senior internships.

7) Science and Technology presented on the current status of their department.

8) Ms. Giordano stressed the need for additional staffing in both core and elective courses to keep class sizes appropriate (24:1).

9) There is a need for a Lab Safety Coordinator to oversee labs and safety.

10) Continue professional development for teachers.

11) Continue to work to improve student MCAS

12) Ms Lister presented on the needs for the Music and Theater department.

13) With the upcoming new school building, many of the prior needs of the department will be met. However, there will be very limited storage space for equipment. Mr. Bernard commented that he believed that the available storage in the new school would be more than sufficient.

14) The program has been growing and therefore there is a need for increase in staffing including a choral director, band director and theater director.

15) The department is looking to add and expand class options especially in acting and theater. The addition of honors classes in both chorus, band and theater was discussed.

The department is looking at adding an AP Music Theory course as well.

16) Additional equipment, including the need for a grand piano, was presented.

Other Business: Mr. Loprete updated the Council on the NEASC site visit. NEASC site visit committee members met with teachers, parents and students during their visit and were able to observe several classrooms. The visit was felt to have gone very well. They validated the school's own self report.

Mr. Bernard updated the School Council on the progress of the Secondary Building Project which continues to be on target.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting April 17, 2014 at 2:15pm

Meeting adjourned: 3:10 pm

Signed: Michele Reardon