**School Community Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 1, 2010**

**5:15 p.m.**

**PRHS Bobcat Cafe**

Present: Peter Gulick, Carol Lurie, Pam Harland, Carolyn Varin, Dawn Day, Doug Ross, Bob Price, Bruce Parsons, Michaela Hall, Deidre Flynn Robinson, Emilie Weber, Donni Hughes, Barbara Noyes, Julie Fogarty, Robert Price, Gillian Cavezzali, Maryanna Swanson, Katie Badylak, Meagan Kimball, Emily Kelley

1. Peter presented the survey results to the committee.
Carol L. stated that it looks like the majority of faculty and students would like to keep the schedule the same. She asked, would the school board still insist that we change the schedule? The committee agreed that yes, the school board may still change the schedule. The SCC is only providing them with input.

Doug asked: Are we going to look at some of the philosophical reasons for changing the schedule?

Peter acknowledged that we are surveying the students and faculty for that very reason. We want to know if they are happy with the current schedule. We want to know if the current schedule works for the faculty and the students. He asked “Where do we go from here?”

Bruce said that the most recent NECAP scores are unacceptable. He stated that he has met with the Math Department and that they have agreed that Math classes need to meet daily. He is recommending that next year all Freshmen will have Math and English every day for 45 minutes. For the following year, he would like to continue looking at some sort of hybrid schedule so that classes can meet daily but for longer than 45 minutes. He also stated that the top 10 Math NECAP scores in NH come from schools that meet all of their classes daily.

Donni explained that we could get deeper into the content of our Algebra classes if we met daily for 60 minutes. She explained that 45 minutes is too short for most Math classes.

Barbara asked: Is it the order that we teach our Math classes?
Donni explained that we base the order of our Math classes on developmental research. Most students are not ready for the concepts taught in Algebra II prior to Junior year.

Deidre stated that the reason she does well on the reading part of the NECAP test is because “the reading part of the test is fun.”

Bruce asked: How can we make Math less stressful and more fun for our students?

Meagan said: In light of the Reading/Writing NECAP scores why are we changing the way that English classes meet?

Bruce replied that it is the only way that the schedule will work with minor disruption.

1. The next SCC meeting is Monday April 5th at 5:15 p.m. in the Bobcat cafe.