**School Community Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 5, 2010**

**5:15 p.m.**

**PRHS Library**

**Present**: Pam Harland, Peter Gulick, Dawn Day, Doug Ross, Julie Fogarty, Gail Poitrast, Gillian Cavezzali, Carol Lurie, Maryanna Swanson, Carolyn Varin, Kirsten Ambrose, Bruce Parsons, Kathy Ringlein, Ina Ahern, Ann Blanchard

1. January and March 2010 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. Peter presented the New Albany High School schedule to the committee.
Bruce asked: What is our philosophy? Do you want to meet with students every day?

Gail repeated that the Math Department wants to meet with students every day, but not if it means 45 minute classes.

Bruce discussed his proposal for sophomore math classes. He is taking the request to the school board on Tuesday 4/6/2010 for approval.

The entire committee shared ideas about how the schedule can change in order to help the Math department deliver content to their students, while not negatively impacting classes that prefer a block schedule.

Dawn said that we can make all of the changes that we want, but there are students who just want to pass a class- not master a skill at a fundamental level. Several committee members agreed.

Bruce said that we need more engagement, personalization, and differentiation in all of our classes. He wants to focus on what is relevant. Where are students going to use this information?

Ann added that for Science teachers the block schedule allows classes to make real world connections – in that they often have time to get sidetracked with relevant data and research.

Ina recommended that Freshmen and Sophomore classes all take 1.5 credits of Math. This would allow more flexibility in the schedule of upperclassmen. Several committee members were concerned that this would “burn out” students who have a difficult time with Math.

Dawn suggested that we combine the Science and Math curriculum in places where they overlap. She commented that this would show students the relevance of certain skills.
3. Peter asked all committee members to review Hybrid Option 1 (on grey paper) and Hybrid Option 2 (on salmon paper) as well as the New Albany High School schedule. We should all be prepared to discuss our preference at the May meeting.
4. Following the meeting, Ina submitted another schedule to several members of the committee. Please see attached.
5. The next SCC meeting is Monday May 3rd at 5:15 p.m. in the Bobcat cafe.