**SCC Meeting Minutes**

**June 1, 2015**

**PRHS Library**

Present: Doug Ross, Bob Price, Barbra Noyes, Amey Bailey, Julie Fogarty, Bruce Parsons, Jack Friedman, Lilly Friedman, Devin Guild, Patricia Rella, Hannah Karp, Will Gunn, Lisa Ash, Ryan Amtmann, Emelia Fleck

* Ryan Amtmann called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m
* The SCC meeting minutes from May were accepted
* Introductions
* The committee was asked to review and edit the draft of the grading policy response
* Some students feel that grading policies need to be communicated more clearly
* What are students expecting?
* Grading policies are discussed, included in the syllabus, handed out within each class on the first day of class and accessible through Web2School
* Some students felt that there was a lack of clarity in term of how much projects/homework/test/quizzes were worth
* A high amount of students believe that effort and communication should be weighted more within their classes
* Better communication as to how the grading system works and why certain assessments are worth more than others would valuable to students
* Will students change how much effort they are going to invest into a grade based on how much it’s worth? Is this a bad message? Shouldn’t students extend equal effort into each assignment no matter what the worth?
* Teachers at PRHS follow several different grading policies such as point, categories or a combination which can be confusing to students
* The draft is an explanation of the results findings of the survey results
* Only 17 teachers responded to the survey, however, the School Board may decide to take action with survey results
* Ryan will be providing the school board with copies of the completed grading policy response
* Ryan reminded the committee about the SCC voting policies
* 5 faculty
* Ryan Amtmann
* Doug Ross
* Julie Fogarty
* William Gunn
* Patricia Rella
* 2 support staff
* Emelia Fleck
* Kim Weeks (not present)
* 1 Superintendent
* Mark Halloran (not present)
* 1 Principle
* Bruce Parsons
* 1 elected student officer from each class
* The sophomore and junior class were represented
* 2 school board members
* Lisa Ash
* Barbra Noyse
* 1 parent from each of the 7 represented towns
* Amey Bailey (Plymouth)
* A vote was taken to accept the draft of the grading policy as is
* The grading policy vote was unanimous, the grading policy response will be given to the school board
* Will Gunn updated the committee on the progress with restructuring Academic Advisory
* The last committee meeting will be held on June 9th
* The roll-out for the program at the teacher in-service days next August will be discussed
* The committee will meet with Mr. Bruce Parsons to discuss the final proposal for next year’s Academic Advisory Program that will be given to the school board
* The curriculum for each class has almost been completed
* Freshmen and Seniors will be focusing on transition, Sophomores and Juniors will be focusing on kind and ethical behavior, Juniors will also be focusing on leadership
* Currently advisors are given an activity to do across the board, next year they will be given a binder with options that will work with their particular group of students
* This will give advisors/faculty more ownership over the program resulting in a stronger program
* Ideas for possible topics for the SCC 2015-2016 school year
* Ryan Amtmann reminded the committee that they could recommend multiple topics to the school board with the idea that they may select, one, several, or none of the topics for next year’s selection. They may be presenting the SCC with a topic that they independently decide upon.
* Last year the SCC presented the school board with three topics: best grading practices, Bring Your Own Device Policy and creating in-house tutoring program
* The school board selected best grading practices
* Weighted grades
* This is an issue that is important to students
* When students enroll in honors and AP courses they are, by definition, more rigorous
* Knowing that a class rank is in place would provide more of an incentive to challenge themselves
* Currently students are not benefiting, grade wise, from taking these higher level courses
* Examining a bring your own device policy
* This year the cell phone policy was eased so that students, with the permission of a teacher or administrator, could use they devices for academic purposes throughout the school
* Revisiting the topic of the schedule
* In house tutoring
* A student tutoring program would benefit both the student being tutored as well as the student tutoring
* This program would encourage creating a stronger community
* Dress code
* This topic has been brought up several times within the Student Government and they made a decision not to re-visit the topic of dress code
* This topic was brought up earlier in the year at SCC and it was suggested by Mr. Bruce Parsons that the SCC was not an appropriate place to discuss the dress code due to the fact that it was being discussed within other committees
* The Student Government is a very small group of elected students, many of the students who are the most passionate about the dress code discussion are not involved
* The question was asked: Will the school board ever allow this topic to be discussed within the SCC?
* The school board works very well together. If there is an issue that the student body feels passionate about then it should be discussed
* The SCC can bring fourth ‘any idea’ and should not edit themselves regarding the decisions that might be made by the school board regarding topic choices for next year’s discussion. Any topic can be suggested
* The school board representation relayed that they are extremely proud of the student representation and participation within the SCC this year
* Students were reminded that they can bring forth any idea or statement to the school board with the public portions of their meetings
* Peer outreach program
* Expanding and supporting the concept of kindness/anti-bulling
* Fostering student support and an uplifting environment
* Ossipee focuses on many fundraisers to raise money for groups such as Voices Against Violence
* This topic being brought forth as more of a culture shift within the school
* Community outreach
* College applications are asking for community service experiences
* Students in urban areas are being given amazing opportunities to reach out to their communities for social causes
* Currently students are only required to commit to three hours of community service within their freshmen Wellness class
* Can the school provide students with more outside, community outreach programs to empower change?
* The final topics were decided upon on to present to the school board were
* Weighted grades
* Bring your own device policy
* Schedule
* In house tutoring
* Positive peer outreach and in-house community building
* Community outreach
* The SCC chose to provide the school board with the list in its entirety due to the diversity of the topics and the fact that there was no overpowering majority
* In the past the SCC has covered multiple topics
* Some of the topics may be given to other committees to discuss
* The SCC voted on the 2015-2016 SCC chair
* Ryan Amtmann was nominated and was unanimous voted as 2015-2016 SCC chair
* The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14th, at 5:15pm in the PRHS Library