**SCC Meeting Minutes**

**May 7, 2012**

**PRHS Library**

Present: Peter Gulick, Beth Harrington, Jordan Brownstein, Kate Brownstein, Deborah Brownstein, Bruce Parsons, Robert Price, Chris Demian, Carolyn Varin , Julie Fogarty, Carolee Simmons, Ryan Amtmann , May Donovan, Dawn Day, Andrew Buttolph, Amey Bailey, Lisa Ash, Judi D’Aleo, Barbara Noyes , Emelia Fleck

Peter Gulick called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

* The committee read through the April minutes
* Peter reminded the committee that the Department of Labor job list presented to the students on the back of the survey contained no results, it was for inspirational purposes only
* April minutes were accepted
* Bruce stated that he briefly presented the school board with the committee’s research and survey results
* Bruce contacted Newfound for input for new courses at PRHS
* They responded with logging and forestry
* Bruce stated that PRHS is developing a plan to move forward in 2014 with the State of New Hampshire for a future 8-10 million dollar renovation for the voc-tech department
* 75% of the money for the renovation will come from the state, 25% from the community
* Bruce plans on visiting Laconia to review the paperwork for their renovation
* Along with renovating there is a possibility of adding new programs
* The PRHS vocation wing was built in 1983 and needs upgrades
* PRHS is looking into the possibility of heating the building with woodchips
* The possibility of stem grants was discussed
* Stem grants have been changed to Steam grants to include the Arts
* Developing Science further
* Incorporating Theater with Engineering
* TSA club
* Health AP program grant
* Peter reminded the group that the discussion process for next year’s topic needs to continue
* Scheduling
* Students are questioning weighted grades
* AP Honors and US 3 have the same weight
* Bruce stated that that our current schedule is not conducive to the math and foreign language departments
* Bruce reminded the committee that that the SCC’s job is to study a topic and present it to the school board
* Bob stated that there was a past public hearing discussing weighted grades
* The feedback from the meeting was more in favor to not having weighted grades
* The school board ultimately decided against weighted grades
* Most schools have weighted grades
* Ryan asked the committee how many years ago the topic of weighted grades was discussed and put forward to the school board
* Bruce and Bob replied, stating that it had been presented to the school board by the committee twice in the past a number of years ago, long enough ago for re-examination
* The topic of what colleges are looking for was presented
* Grades
* Strength of curriculum within the school system
* Judi D’Aleo stated that PSU did not want students to over extend themselves , they would rather have students receive an A in a class than to receive a lower grade in an AP class
* The topic of the SCC researching weighted grades for next year was voted on to be approved by the school board
* Approved by the committee

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM