**SCC Meeting Minutes**

**May 1, 2017**

**PRHS Library**

Present: Barbra Noyes, Amey Bailey, Robert Price, Patricia Rella, Bruce Parsons, Ben Parsons, Maeve Lawor, Hannah Steinitz, Ryan Amtmann, Emelia Fleck

* Ryan Amtmann called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
* Introductions
* March minutes were accepted
  + One edit was required
* SCC Chair nomination
* Ryan covered the obligations of the SCC Chair
* Patricia Rella was nominated to be the new SCC Chair
* The vote was unanimous in favor
* Patricia Rella accepted the position
* The frequency of meetings was discussed
* It was suggested that:
* The SCC meet more frequently in the future
* The SCC meet on the second Monday of the month
* The SCC meet in September and October and bimonthly after those months
* The SCC voted to meet on the first Monday of every month
* Ryan introduced the ‘any idea proposition’
* Members were asked to contribute ideas
* Senior Seminar was the single proposition
  + - Recommended by the school board
  + The program could possibly include wellness, health, business, community, CPR, student loans, digital citizenship, and finance aspects
  + This program would be implemented into the curriculum as a required class for seniors
    - Currently seniors are required to carry 5.5 classes and have plenty of flexibility
    - Currently there are less than 10 seniors enrolled in a full schedule
    - This class would serve as extremely beneficial to all students
    - Ensuring that Senior Seminar is a requirement has the potential of changing the culture of the school community
* Currently the culture of students is to strive for early release during their senior year
* This effects enrollment in upper level classes
  + There are several schools throughout New Hampshire who have implemented similar programs including Bow, Souhegan, Bedford, and Winnacunnet
  + The course would be conducive to PRHS’s 21st century learning skills
  + Bruce shared the results of the ‘Senior Day’ survey results
* The feedback from students was extremely positive
* Bob mentioned that there is a new state law in NH focusing on mandatory education focusing on drug addiction
* A student representative shared that many Student Senate groups are discussing the need for a state mandated Senior Seminar course
* Many students feel as though a wellness class freshmen year, as opposed to wellness senior year, would offer vastly different content
  + - Ex: Stress management
* Students feel as though they leave high school knowing how to solve a quadratic equation, but do not know how to balance a checkbook or present themselves professionally at an interview
* The topic of surveying students arose
* PRHS discontinued surveying graduates due to low return rates (less than 33%)
* Paper surveys were being filled out by parents, rather than students
* It was suggested that digital surveys may yield better results
* In the 2017-2018 school year the committee will focus on the curriculum of Senior Seminar
* Members of the committee will visit New Hampshire schools that have implemented Senior Seminar programs to gather information and resources
* Bob suggested creating a yearly topic focusing on the NEASC and the standards to evaluate where we stand as a school
* The committee thanked Ryan Amtmann for serving as the SCC Chair for the past 4 years

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, at 5:15pm in the PRHS Library