**SCC Meeting Minutes**

**October 2, 2017**

**PRHS Library**

Present: Bruce Parsons, Patricia Rella, Barbra Noyes, Jasmine Sanders, Amey Bailey, Robert Price, Wendy Rathgeber, Denise McGlone, Melinda Johnson, Ben Parsons, Teniel Torino, Hannah Steinitz, Michele Giordano, Michael Brammer, Ruby Lonergan, Cade Earick, Ben Fort, Liam Crowley, Kiana Pino, Abi Sutcliffe, Cecile Healy, Jason Conway, Mike Pogue, Kevin Stowell, Emelia Fleck

* Patricia Rella called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
* Introductions
* September minutes were accepted (with one amendment regarding the inclusion of meeting dates)
* Patricia reminded the committee what the School Community Council’s main objectives are and how meetings are structured
* Patricia recapped the idea of Senior Seminar for new members
* The committee broke into small groups to discuss possible topics for Senior Seminar
	+ Topic ideas
* Disease Prevention (nutrition & physical activity, healthy weight management, sleep, etc.)
* Injury Prevention (unintentional & intentional injuries, violence prevention, etc.
* Emotional Health (stress management, coping with anxiety & depression, mindfulness, resiliency, etc.)
* Social Skills (communication skills, conflict resolution, diversity & tolerance, social media etiquette & cyber-bullying, etc.)
* Recognizing and Avoiding Addiction (the brain, e-cigarettes, alcohol & binge drinking, marijuana, cocaine, heroin, prescription drug abuse including "study drugs", etc.)
* Human Sexuality (healthy relationships, pregnancy & disease prevention, etc.)
* College Life (application process, financing higher education, dorm living, etc.)
* Career Development (resume building, job interviews, etc.)
* Living On Your Own (shopping, cooking, paying rent, etc.)
* Financial Health (savings & checking, budgets, credit, insurance, investing, etc.)
* Personal Wellness (self-care, medical exams, etc.)
* First Aid & CPR
* The committee discussed the configuration of seminar
* After school
* 90 minute class offered as a senior requirement
* 90 minute class offered as an elective
* 4-6 90 minute sessions offered throughout the year
	+ Patricia and Emelia will create a survey using Google Forms to gather feedback from the SCC
		- This survey will be emailed before the next meeting in November
			* New England Association for Schools and Colleges
				+ The SCC will be discussing NEASC for the next several months

There is a possibility this topic will continue into the 2018-2019 school year

* Patricia introduced the committee to NEASC
* NEASC is an association that grants accreditation to schools
* Schools go through a process of applying for accreditation every ten years
* PRHS is beginning our self-study
* PRHS is going to be one of the first schools to be using the new NEASC process
* A major component about this process is to determine where we can improve (Growth Mindset)
* Topics (standards) that will be studied are:
	+ - * Learning Culture within the building
			* Student Learning
			* Professional Practices
			* Learning Support
			* Learning Resources
* Because the SCC represents the community as a whole, they has been asked to act as major ‘stakeholders’ through this process to provide their unique perspective for each standard

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th, at 5:15pm in the PRHS Library