**SCC Meeting Minutes**

**September 11, 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, Emelia Fleck

* Patricia Rella called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.
* Introductions
* May minutes were accepted
* Patricia reminded the committee what the School Community Council’s main objectives are
* The SCC represents all aspects of the school community from faculty, support staff, administration, students and parents
  + The SCC was asked to recruit member from the towns that are currently not represented (Ashland, Campton, Rumney, Thornton, and Wentworth)
    - Parents will be informed about the SCC during Open House
* Bruce Parsons updated the committee on the topic of implementing a Senior Seminar program into the curriculum
  + The topic was recommended to the SCC by the school board
  + The program would include many facets including wellness, health, business, community, and finance aspects
  + Bruce reiterated the success of the Senior Wellness Day held last Spring in Waterville Valley (organized by Denise McGlone)
* Bob Price introduced the idea of ‘topics’ rather than introducing a required course
  + There are several classes, such as AP classes, that are not conducive to implementing a senior traditional seminar class into the curriculum
    - It was proposed that seniors attend several mandatory, in-depth 90-minute seminars throughout the year (perhaps 1 per quarter), similar to an assembly or presentation
      * This option would result in a normal scheduling routine
      * Staffing would not be an issue
      * Bruce researched 88 schools throughout New Hampshire regarding Senior Seminar. Currently, there are no schools that offer a Senior Seminar class that reaches beyond financial aspectswithin their curriculum
* The concept of ‘Mandatory’ was discussed
  + - The issues that would be covered within each seminar would be issues that are pertinent to preparing students for their future as competent, informed adults who possess ‘life skills’ (ex: How to balance a checkbook)
    - If the program is optional, there is the possibility that students may not choose to participate due to the ‘culture’ of senior year
* The SCC has been asked to research possible topics for the senior seminar ‘assembly’ program
  + Teniel Torino was introduced and shared information centered around the ‘Signs of Suicide’ Program, a topic that will be implemented into Senior Seminar Curriculum
    - The program is designed around the acronym Acknowledge, Care, and Tell and offers a 60-minute seminar, which is created to generate a peer dynamic that includes vignette and small group discussion.
    - It provides a clear and concise format
  + Other popular topic ideas were brought forth from last year’s Senior Wellness Day at Waterville Valley
    - Perseverance and Resiliency
    - Finance
    - College Life
    - CPR
    - Wellness
    - Nutrition
    - Career Development
    - Conflict Resolution
    - Senior Wellness Day will be held again in the Spring in 2018
  + It was suggested that students are surveyed to find out what skills are valuable to them
  + It was suggested that assemblies are presented for a half and hour, followed by a longer period of time for students to participate in more intimate break-out sessions
  + Student representative were asked to discuss topic ideas with their classmates so that more of the student population is represented
  + Implementing the topic of drug addiction was discussed
* Bruce spoke about the topic of the NEASC
  + PRHS is participating in the new accreditation process as an early adopter to the program
  + PRHS will be evaluated in 2020
  + There will be a workshop held on September 26th geared towards staff group leaders
  + As PRHS examines the NEASC Standards and writes the self-study,

the SCC will serve as a venue for feedback from all stakeholders in the community

* The school board asked Bob to provide the SCC with handout at the October meeting outlining how many credits students need during each of their 4 years of high school
* SCC confirmed that it will be meeting on the first Monday of every month

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, October 2nd, at 5:15pm in the PRHS Library