

DS High School Minutes of School Council Meeting  
1/29/08

Attendees: Chip Spalding, Hooman Shahidi, Suzanne Trainor, Savita Skukla,  
John Soraghan, Rainie Pearson, Beth Miaoulis, Denise Lonergan,

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

The minutes from the December 10, 2007 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Denise Lonergan distributed the revised draft of the school council surveys. Input on revisions was solicited from members present and from emails sent from absent members.

The parent survey was revised in an attempt to afford parents the opportunity to provide information regarding student stress for each of their children enrolled at the high school. Question 9 that solicited parent feedback if they disagreed that students demonstrate a high degree of pride and responsibility toward the school was revised to encourage feedback if students spoke in either a positive or a negative manner about the school.

The student survey was amended to include whether a student was male or female. Three questions were changed to solicit feedback whether students agreed or disagreed with a statement, rather than feedback only in the case where students disagreed with a statement. Members decided to reposition a choice of "no issues" included in a list of items that negatively impact school atmosphere from the beginning of the list to the end of the list. After reviewing two sample surveys, a question was inserted to gather data on the average number of hours of students sleep on school nights. A follow up question that asked if students considered this to be sufficient was also inserted.

All surveys (student, parent, teacher) were revised to include a general comment section at the end.

Denise Lonergan stated that she would electronically send the surveys for review. If members approve, the surveys will go online.

The group then discussed Open Campus, Alcohol.EDU, and the upcoming MARC Presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2008 at 4 p.m. in the high school conference room, Room 113.