

**Dover-Sherborn High School
School Council Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2008**

In attendance:

Beth Miaoulis
Savita Shukla
Karyn Bishop
Deirdre Clancy-Kelley
Elinor Jarrell
Rachel Grossbaum
Katrina Miaoulis
Nicole Eckert
Denise Lonergan, headmaster
John Soraghan

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

The November meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted.

No one had additional suggestions for questions regarding the stress portion of the survey. Denise said she is considering designating some assignment-free weekends.

The students mentioned that there seems to be a problem regarding using the Internet to communicate assignments. They felt that it isn't being used consistently, and that teachers should post assignments by a certain time if they expect an assignment to be completed by the next day. Also, students felt that teachers should either use their web sites for all assignments or none. Students tend to rely on it, only to find out too late that something was assigned in the classroom.

The group continued its review of the 2008-2009 School Council Survey. We first worked on completing the student survey and then moved on to the parent survey. The recommended changes are listed below. Questions that will remain unchanged are not noted.

Deirdre presented question proposals on cheating and bullying. She submitted two questions to help us determine how widespread cheating is, and whether students understand what is considered cheating. The group suggested minor modifications and recommended including the questions in next year's survey.

Question 31, Extra Help Questions. Keep question. Add a question for those who don't find extra help sessions useful, to see if they only attend extra help sessions just before a quiz or test.

Question 34 Do you think you're getting enough sleep? Remove. The response won't help us.

Near Question 36, Remove question on student survey. Add a question to determine if the students think that teachers adhere to the homework policies of the school.

Question 38 (new 39), The school has sufficient faculty to meet students' needs. Change to "The class sizes are favorable." with a response scale from "strongly agree" to "strongly disagree".

Question 41, There are ample opportunities for extra help. Keep Question but move to the area of the survey where there are other extra-help questions.

--- Parent Survey ---

Question 2, CP courses are challenging. Remove.

Question 51. Change in the same way as Question 38 in student survey.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 12th at 4:00 p.m. at Dover-Sherborn High School in Room 113.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.