

School Council Notes- 10/7/13

- Meeting was called to order at 4:10
- Members introduced each other and met the new freshman who joined
- Mr. Smith addressed that School Council is looking for a new rep. from Sherborn
- Minutes from September 9th, 2013 were reviewed, a few mistakes (student council was switched to school council and committee was added) were changed and the minutes were anonymously accepted
- Mr. Levasseur talked about the School Council Survey 2012-2013 and areas of concerns which included:
 - **Food Services:** New menu items are coming soon and options for students will be available. A senior student intern is working on food services as well.
 - **DRs:** The issue with quiet vs. talking DRs and the quantity of students in each DR has been discussed. A plan about spreading awareness about which DRs are loud vs. quiet will be figured out.
 - **Wi-Fi:** Consistency with the student Wi-Fi was brought up to be an issue and will be discussed with the Technology department.
 - **Senior Privilege:** Senior Privilege Proposal will be discussed at the next Committee meeting in November with the school. There has been concern about expanding privilege to 1st semester because of accountability, grades, transportation issues etc.
 - **Stress Management:** 2-test-limit was discussed and only the Adolescence Paper (9th grade) and Position Paper (11th grade) will count for the 2-test-limit rule.
 - **Honor Code:** Students expressed that they didn't want one, while faculty wanted one. It was decided that we will NOT make an Honor Code (although a statement starting with the younger grades may be created in future years). Spreading awareness about what is cheating will be made clearly to the students at DSHS. The cheating policy will continue to be stressed throughout the school year, not just the beginning.
 - **Drugs & Alcohol:** Through social norming, kids will begin to get different perspectives on the DSHS community and see what actually happens at DSHS.
 - **Courses:** Mr. Bliss and Mr. Smith are working on allowing students to request particular classes (mostly juniors and seniors) that they are interested in/their academic pursuits.
 - **Guidance Communication:** Communication with the community has improved and the guidance is hoping to make the college application process much easier and understandable for parents and students. Mr. Smith is working with an app called "School Connect" to make scheduling easier and feasible.
- Members discussed the 2013-2014 School Improvement Plan—Mr. Smith will send out an email about Action Steps/Plan to discuss the FISCO budget, progress on town meetings, the rule for assignments over school breaks, etc.
- Adjournment at 5:13