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School Council Minutes-February 10th, 2014

Attendance: Michelle Alessandro, Lauren Balk, Brianna Borghi, Marijane Benner Browne, Stephen Cone, Olivia Johnson, Eleanor Kinsella, Chris Levasseur, Hannah Liu, John Smith, John Soraghan, Sydney teWildt, Nicole Zhou

- Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm.
- Students gave their feedback on DSHS Social Norming Campaign.
 - Mostly positive feedback, important that statistics are about DS and students are stopping to read and discuss the information posted around the school.
- Mr. Smith informed members about NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges).
 - It is a way to look at curriculum, leadership, assessments, budget, and performance levels of schools.
 - DS will be delaying the process for a year. The Regional School Committee will approve the letter asking for a 1 year moratorium on self-study to NEASC.
 - Mr. Smith will keep School Council Members aware of the progress and forward a copy of the letter that will be sent to the NEASC.
- Student Survey was discussed and the following were discussed for changes:
 - Assessments
 - Questions regarding assessment fairness and variety of assessments were discussed. School Committee members will continue to find a way on how to incorporate this information into the survey.
 - DSHS' Extra Curriculum offerings
 - Add a comment box asking students about their interests and what they would want to have available at DSHS.
 - Add information about how to create a club, process it takes to create one (this will be added into the handbook).
 - Create flyers explaining which clubs DSHS offers and what they involve. Post on the DSHS website.
 - Leadership opportunities for students
 - A question will be added about asking if DSHS offers enough variety of activities in which students involved have an opportunity to lead the activities.
 - Stress
 - A list of contributors that lead to stress will be listed in the survey for students to rank which is most stressful to least stressful for them.
 - A comment box will be added to ask students what adults can do to help with decompressing the stress.
- Work and finalizing will continue on surveys during the March School Council Meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.