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School Council Minutes - March 10th, 2014

In Attendance: Michelle Alessandro, Lauren Balk, Heidi Handler, Elly Kinsella, Chris Levasseur, John Smith, John Soraghan, Sydney teWildt

- Meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.
- Minutes from February 10th, 2014 were unanimously approved with two slight changes (addition of a space and addition of the word "will" for the second to last bullet).
- Mr. Smith informed the School Council members about the Assistant Headmaster search progress.
 - The search committee will interview eight candidates and 2-3 finalists will be interviewed by the Superintendent and Mr. Smith in mid-March.
 - In mid-March, the finalists will each spend a day at DS and meet with parents, students and teachers. Position will start on July 1st, 2014.
- School Council Members were informed about the MCAS calendar for 2014.
 - English Language Arts (ELA) & long composition for 10th grade will take place on March 18th, 19th and 21st.
 - Math (May) and science (June) exams will be taken.
- Mr. Smith talked about a program called "Challenge Success" and informed School Council Members about its impact and affiliation with Dover-Sherborn Schools.
 - Program comes out of Stanford University.
 - It targets high performing schools and ways to prevent stress levels within a school community.
 - Mrs. Chagnon is part of a wellness committee and is thinking about gathering some members from our DSHS school community to train for this program.
- DSEF Grant is looking at ways to maintain our high level of standards at DS schools, but also find a way to de-stress students. Example of this may be having early release days start in the afternoon. This will allow students to sleep in and give teachers an opportunity to get their work done during the morning.
- Chemical Health Policy was discussed.
 - School Council Members looked at Needham High School's and Wayland High School's policies for ideas.
 - Members came to the conclusion that they will form their own model of what to do after chemical problems arise at DSHS and this model should include:
 - Having athletes abide by MIAA rules while these rules won't extend to other clubs.
 - Punishment will be in the form of community service by giving back to the school.Further discussion will be held with School Council members.
- Student Survey will be finalized and sent out before our next School Council Meeting in April.
- Parent Survey was discussed and edits will be posted on the google drive for members to share their ideas and input (#11, #15, #16 & #19 were eliminated from the survey).
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.