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School Council Minutes - April 7th, 2014

In Attendance: Michelle Alessandro, Lauren Balk, Brianna Borghi, Stephen Cone, Heidi Handler, Olivia Johnson, Elly Kinsella, Chris Levasseur, Hannah Liu, Maeve Morse, John Smith, John Soraghan, Sydney teWildt, Julie Washek, Nicole Zhou

- Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
- Minutes from March 10th, 2014 were unanimously approved with two slight changes (MCAS Math exams are taken in May, Science exams are taken in June & addition of "further discussion will be held with School Council Members" about our Chemical Health Policy).
- Mr. Smith informed School Council Members that all surveys will be finalized by Mrs. Alighieri and sent out after April break.
- Members discussed that students can take the surveys by completing them as a HW assignment for one of their classes.
- Following edits to the Student Survey were made:
 - Delete first phrase of question 21 and delete questions 43 & 53.
 - Delete first two box options and replace them with "cyberbullying through the use of social media".
 - Change instructions on question 44 to discuss about "intentional social exclusion", create a "Never, Sometimes, Often" chart for chart options and add the option "social media".
 - After Q15 add a "yes or no" question asking students if the variety of their assessments (open response, projects, multiple choice, problems etc.) accurately reflect their learning and understanding of the subject matter. If students chose no, they would elaborate on which subjects in the comment box provided.
- Following edits to the Parent Survey were made:
 - Eliminated questions 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 18, 19 & 34.
 - Questions 3, 8, 17 & 26 were re-worded.
 - Question 5 - addition of a box asking if parents feel that their children have an adult at the school building who he/she feels connected with.
 - Question 6 - break up hazing and bullying into two separate categories, add the category of "intentional social exclusion" and "cyberbullying through the use of Social Media".
- Addition of second category for question 21 about administrators responding in a timely manner (48 hrs).
- Addition of "yes or no" question after 21: "Guidance counselors respond to my questions and/or concerns in a timely manner (48 hrs)?"
- Before question 37, addition of "yes or no" (with comment box) question: "Is there a sufficient variety of Extra-Curricular and leadership opportunities to meet my child's needs?"
- Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.