

# New Hampstead High School Council | MINUTES

Meeting date | time **10/17/2017 5:30 PM** | Meeting location **NHHS Front Office Conference Room**

Attendees:

<b>Chairperson</b>	
<b>Principal</b>	Tawn Foltz
<b>Teachers</b>	Brenda Lewis, Delicia Worrill
<b>Parents</b>	Robbie Walp, Faye Robbins, David Hodges, Deidre' Donaldson, Jeff Alberts
<b>Business/Community Partners</b>	

Guest and others attending

Jean Shearer, School Council Secretary	

## AGENDA TOPICS

TOPIC	DISCUSSION and Summary*
<b>Opening: Pledge Allegiance/Inspiration</b>	<b>Meeting called to order by Principal Foltz at 5:38 PM.</b>
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</b>	No Minutes for Approval for the 1 <sup>st</sup> School Council Meeting
<b>OLD BUSINESS:</b>	No Old Business to Discuss for the 1 <sup>st</sup> NHHS School Council Meeting. Ms. Foltz updated that the last item from School Council included the traffic in front of the school. Since then, signs have been posted. Traffic is one way.
<b>PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:</b>	Welcome by Principal Foltz. First agenda provided by administrator which includes the election of Parent Representative as School Council Chair (President). Unanimously, the members voted to select Mrs. Deidre' Donaldson to serve as NHHS School Council Chair. All future agenda will be created by Donaldson.
<b>OTHER REPORTS:</b>	<p>Principal Foltz provided members additional information about SGA—Students elected to serve on School Council. At our training session in September, other schools had student representatives to serve also on NHHS School Council. Members of the School Council unanimously agree to have the President and Vice-President of SGA to attend and serve on NHHS School Council.</p> <p>Ms. Donaldson brought the topic of Substitute Teachers for areas of subject content, such as Pre-Calculus or Foreign Language. There is a concern that students learning are impacted by subs who are not fully qualified to teach the content.</p> <p>Ms. Foltz explained the process of obtaining subs in the building. Source for Teacher tries to find a sub who is qualified in that field first. Ms. Foltz informs Source for Teacher of the needs. Sometimes the response from Source for Teacher is non-availability in that field. NHHS tends to get a retired teacher who is familiar with the school culture.</p>

	<p>School Principal has to wait until 20 consecutive days that a teacher is out before District can send a letter to the employee. After letter is received, job is posted for 10 days. Interview process begins. Recently, a new math instructor has been hired. District have also gone to teachers from out of country to come teach when the source of teachers is limited here.</p> <p>Ms. Donaldson asked if parents can opt students to take a different course to be removed from class when a highly qualified teacher is not available. The students were provided this information. There was no process in place to inform parents that there was an option. Initially, there was a plan in place only for a limited time. But as it evolved, the situation of her absences also increased. Request was made that in the future, parent notification could be made.</p>		
<b>NEW BUSINESS:</b>	<p>Parent Walp asked about updates on new K-8 school being built. At this time, no set plan is in place. NHHS have requested a walk way between the two schools to allow students to be able to walk between schools. Ms. Foltz will look at the planning committee dates. Walp voiced concerns with construction crew/drivers and new student drivers on Little Neck Road.</p> <p>In the afternoon, parent request in addition to double up and move traffic all the way down in front of the school—to prevent the back up on Little Neck Road. Foltz will reach out to Police Department with having someone to slow the traffic on Little Neck. Last year, School Council reached out to Board Members for blinking lights to help slow traffic down. Walp also recommended a traffic study to determine increase flow on Little Neck Road.</p> <p>Ms. Robbins asked for outdoor signs to help post for events that occur after school to help direct parent traffic.</p>		
<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:</b>	No special presentation at this time.		
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>	Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-27		
<b>Other:</b>			
<b>NEXT MEETING DATE:</b>	December 12, 2017	<b>ADJOURNED:</b>	6:07 PM

\*Attached additional information to any agenda item as necessary