**NNHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 6, 2019 6:30-8:00 pm, NNHS Room 103**

**In Attandance:**

Sallie Brickell, Jessie Gilmartin, Dani Johnson, Jeanne White, Nate Persampieri,

Henry Turner, Patty McCabe, Nancy Decoteau, Debbie Dashoff, Valerie Pontiff,

Kathryn Teissier Du Cros

**Not in Attendance:**

Agi Sardi, Star Lew, Rachel McCarthy, Marcia Tabenken, Derek Krantz, Boden Pollack, Zoe Kronberg, Amy Xue, Alex Katz, Jason Antonellis

**Visiting Attendees** – Quinn Etchie and Newton Youth Commission, Dong Jiang

**Attendance and Introductions:**

Members moved to accept the minutes from the April meeting.

We then introduced the Newton Youth Commission

**Newton Youth Commission:**

Newton Youth Commission then presented the results of their Student Stress and Mental Health Survey and then the group engaged in a discussion of the materials. Some of the topics discussed included:

Overlapping deadlines for students creating stress

Need for guidance counseling

Schools are resourced challenged

Who took the survey? North vs South, are the results a representative sample?

Youth risk survey compatibility

Cyclical nature of stress

Time mgmt./exec functioning vs. too much homework

Course selection honors vs. lower level – more counseling and guidance

Honors and AP - their needs to be a distinction

A student member thought there should be an increase the amount of mixed level classes

A student also felt that students should be allowed to drop classes later in a year if they are overburdened.

At the end of the discussion, Principal Turner said he will arrange for the Newton Youth Commission to present their findings to teachers at North to advance the discussion.

**Principals Update:**

Chemical Health Bill – Chemical Health Committee meeting is tomorrow so there may be recommended changes in the fall for SC to review.

**PTSO Update:**

School Council Elections completed

PTSO elections are going on.

Breakfasts - 4 have been completed this year

Summer job program happened in March

PTSO hosted a Superintendent coffee, Operation Bold Paint and Multicultural night

PTSO helped with student election materials

Celebration planning $16k needed , 4k raised, 100 volunteers needed

**Family Survey on 1:1**

Members then reviewed a draft of the parent survey that was distributed to members via email. As a group we made changes and finalized the survey to be distributed via an email from Henry Turner in May.

On a related note, a parent member noted that an email was sent out to incoming freshman parents regarding 1:1 without links and valuable insurance information.