**AGENDA FOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 2014**

7pm Room 103

1. **Attendees of School Council members**

Jen Price, NNHS Principal & Co-Chair

Jo Doherty, parent representative & Co-Chair

Laura Holt, parent representative

Chris Alberg, teacher representative

Irene Golden, student representative

Max Koslov, student representative

Irene Wu, student representative

Bev Spencer, community representative

Rex Clarke, PTSO representative

Amy McMahon, teacher representative

Kathy Baron, parent representative

Sonya Jampel, student representative

Sally Brickell, PTSO representative

Jean Wood, parent representative

Jeff Zabel, parent representative

Apologises were given in advance of the meeting by Christopher Banks, alternate parent representative, who was not able to attend the meeting. Shiroy Aspandiar, intern to Principal Price, was invited to & attended the meeting.

In addition, four freshman - Joanna Mandinova, Max Teszler, Lucy Lu & Liam Beckman-MacIntyre - interested in being 9th grade student representatives to School Council attended the meeting.

1. **Acceptance of minutes from the last meeting – September 29th, 2014**

The motion was proposed & seconded & the minutes were passed by unanimous vote. These minutes will be posted on the School Council website – action discharged.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No members of the public attended this meeting.

1. **School Council Project for 2014/15 – The Growth Mindset: A focus on how to engage parents & the community in Growth Mindset**
2. **Letter subgroup update from Chair Jean Wood & subsequent discussion;**

The letter produced in draft by the sub group was discussed & finalized. The meeting agreed for it to be sent out to parents of all NNHS students on behalf of the SC by Jen Price. In addition, it was decided that information relating to the growth mindset should be posted on the School Council website.

**(ii)Activity Timeline subgroup from Chair Jeff Zabel & subsequent discussion;**

The content of the community event presenting growth mindset to be held on December 3rd was discussed. It was agreed to open this event to parents of Newton middle schoolers as well as Newton South parents. All School Council members were asked to attend this event. Jen showcased the presentation she gave recently to faculty based on the growth mindset for us to consider using in part or whole for this event.

Various other events were discussed as opportunities to engage the community in the discussion of growth mindset, such as Newton Inspires on January 21st & a book club event in February. The activities timeline sub-group is to provide further details at the next SC meeting.

1. **Resources subgroup update from Chair Irene Wu & subsequent discussion.**

Irene reported this sub-group has now established a fairly comprehensive list of resources, which could be offered to the wider community. These resources also now reflect those recommended by Shiroy Aspandiar who has also been researching growth mindset. These resources have now been made available to SC members for their comments. To ease navigation of these resources it was generally agreed they should be grouped under general headings & each group should feature what are considered to be the top 3 resources. Irene identified a general lack of resources targeting students & that the SC could consider producing some targeted to this group.

Once this list of resources has been confirmed it will be posted on the SC website.

1. **Update of PTSO business to School Council - Sally & Rex**

Sally & Rex reported the financial success of families paying PTSO dues which has raised approx. $46,000 & that the second Principal coffee morning of the school year was well attended. They highlighted the open house being run this evening to recruit T2 mentors needed to match with the 56 currently identified juniors (Class of 2016). The PTSO also reported that 121 people have registered to attend the Northside dining event & funds raised from this event will support the Dover Legacy Scholars & the EdEx campaign.

1. **AOB & Date of Next Meeting**

There was no other business.

The next SC meeting will be held on Monday December 1st at 7pm.