Newton South School Council Meeting

April 3, 2008

In attendance: May Chiu, Bella Ertel, Sue Flicop, Lisa Terrizzi, Risa Shames, Martha Hausman, Deb Bernhard, Deb Youngblood, Helen Haley, Amelia Pennell, Rebecca Levy, Principal Joel Stembridge

**Principal Update**

2018 NPS Budget: NSHS will receive 3.5 FTE. No library increase, plans to use classroom funds to support. Cluster Program (Freshman) will be reinstated where 2018-19 Freshmen class will be divided into 3 groups, allowing teachers to collaborate to identify/support students in English, History and Science.

Deans will also need more support with growing class sizes. 2022 class will be 500. Project 1940 students in 2019, and 1998 students in 2020. Guidance counselor/student ratio is 1-186, and project to be 1-191 in 2018. Brookline HS at 1-200+

School Safety: Keypads will be installed on 6 doors (Fieldhouse, Loading Dock, Cutler, Wheeler, Goodwin, Courtyard and Band Room). Front door remain open. Campus will remain open. All students will have access code. Expect keypads to be implemented by end of 2018 April vacation.

Senior Awards: For the first time, the awards will not be GPA based, but on student project/work that will be recognized by Deans of each house. Teachers are to give recommendations by May 1, 2018 and awards will be done between May 15-25. Award night will also include other grades.

High School Late Start Update: Joint NNHS and NSHS committee has developed revised schedule for 6.5 hours school day for 8am-2:30pm or 8:30am-3pm. Four prototype schedules given to faculty by Department for feedback. Some changes include fewer classes per day, 8 blocks vs 7 with study hall required. Timeline is to give the schedule recommendation to the School Committee by the end of 2017-18 school year. Fall 2020 possible implementation since negotiations will have to occur to support schedule change.

Miscellaneous: NPS paid for 1000 (NSHS 500, NNHS 500) laptops for Sophomore MCAS testing in April 2018. NPS will decide if more laptops will be ordered to support 1-1.

**NSHS School Council - Working Groups to enhance South’s school spirit & reduce stress level.**

1. Celebrate the Faces of South (May, Marcia, Bella, Risa, Deb Y, Helen, Euro and Deb B) and

2. Enhance Teacher/Student Engagement and Communication (Martha, Clare, Sue, Ricardo, Michelle, Hema, Amelia, Rebecca and Kathlyn)

See attached document on notes from the working groups.