

Newton South School Council Meeting

November 29, 2011

Attendance: Joel Stembridge, Marci Sapers, Ryan Augusta, Deb Linder, Linda Green, Eleanor Richard, Lucia Dolan, Thomas Lee, Marcia Okun, Sue Flicop, Liz Richardson, Janet Wertheimer, Tuleeka Hazra, Deena David, Jeanne O'Reilly, Chip DiMarco, Charlie Myette

Principal's Updates

Pep Rally and Powderpuff game review: Principal Stembridge provided an overview of Newton South's approach to supporting school spirit during this annual event. The group discussed strategies to build school spirit.

Security drill: Newton South successfully completed a security drill on November 16th. Students and faculty were extremely cooperative, allowing the completion of the drill within 10 minutes and with minimal disruption to the day.

Discussion: Reducing Student Stress

Ryan Augusta and Chip DiMarco described the Newton South initiative to develop strategies to reduce stress for students.

Attendees participated in a small group brainstorming exercise to identify options that could be considered. The groups generated extensive, wide ranging lists of ideas, which were presented to the entire group and discussed. Ryan and Chip will incorporate these ideas into an action plan. Additional student and faculty input will be obtained as well.

An update is anticipated at the next School Council meeting.

Administrative Issues

Minutes are taken by volunteers at each meeting. Snacks are a welcome addition to each meeting. To volunteer to take minutes or bring snacks, please contact Marci Sapers at marcisapers@gmail.com.

Next Meeting: January 24, 2012, 4:30 to 6:00 PM