

## School Council Meeting #8 Minutes: April 12, 2021

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In attendance: John Smith, Timothy O'Mara, Anita Lotti, John Lin, Amal Sharfi, Lilly Caplan, and Emily Waugh

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### Start of Meeting Procedure

1. Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. All members were introduced.
3. The new members were introduced.

### Goals Workshop: School Improvement Plan

#### 1. New Schedule and Flex Block (2021-2022 School Year)

- Last year the schedule was reconfigured to allow for flex blocks and to offer more opportunities for student-faculty connection.
- Around 87% of the student body reported having an adult connection within the school community, but this still leaves 13% of students who could develop additional relationships with an adult at school.
- The advisory meetings during flex block would improve the sense of well-being and connection of the student body while providing students with a connection to an adult at school.

#### 2. District Equity Goal: DS Anti-Racism, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (AIDE)

- DS is undergoing an equity audit to examine Dover-Sherborn culture and climate, hiring practices, achievement data, and more to ensure equity.
- Surveys will be distributed to the school community as part of this audit process.
- The DS AIDE website offers resources for students, educators, and caregivers in order "To foster a school community free from bias and discrimination, and ensure a sense of belonging and equitable outcome for all Dover Sherborn students."
- DS is also working to diversify its faculty through adjustments to the hiring process.

#### 3. NEASC Recommendations and Requirements

- NEASC has made several recommendations for DS during the audit process:
  - Completing the portrait of a graduate and creating a rubric to determine whether students have met the standards of the portrait of a graduate
  - Reevaluating how our electives can fit into the portrait of a graduate goal
  - Securing the campus through a key fob system on Lindquist Commons and some cameras in parking lots

#### 4. Continues Practices from the Pandemic

- DS is considering how some of the technology used over the past year could be useful in future years as we move into the next school year.
- Student surveys will help to evaluate the changes made this school year, including the weekly learning plan, zoom/remote technology, asynchronous learning style, Google

Classroom, passing periods without bells, longer class blocks, DR flexibility, and lunch sign-outs (juniors/seniors).

**Notes for the Spring**

- The five-week in-person system will have a rotating schedule and will incorporate flex blocks into each Wednesday.
- College admissions have not changed drastically this year, although a higher amount of waitlists have been noticed as a result of the increase in applications.
- Socially distant club activities will be allowed in the Spring, offering more opportunities for clubs that could previously only meet online.

Next Meeting: May 2021 (details to be determined)