

# FHS SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – March 19, 2018

**Present:** Paula Carlson, Deb Coulombe, Mike Feeney, Mary Gans, Jenny Hops, Kathy Martino, and Nancy Quigg.

The meeting **opened** at 3:15 pm with Updates and Upcoming Events review.

**Senior Semi Formal:** Mrs. Gans commended our seniors – there was a high turnout (140 approximately), the seniors had fun & were awesome, and it was a great event.

**Quarter 3** was extended due to the three snow days in March.

**NEASC Accreditation** visit will be in 2021. This takes place every 10 years – our last was 2010 - we are now embarking on our next cycle.

- NEASC has streamlined the process and updated standards.
- Self reflection groups will start in the fall.
- On April 24<sup>th</sup> 3 staff members will attend a training seminar & discover how new standards correlate with the old we are familiar with.
- Clipper Time satisfies the need for an advisory program - we were cited for not having one and we needed to address this within the 5 year review progress report.

**Senior Projects** were discussed. We have a Senior Project Working Group coming together, and their changes will be incorporated after the 2018-2019 school year.

***Council feedback to give to the Working Group:***

- Creates disconnect if project is science based & English teacher does not truly understand the project.
- Students are checked out during Semester 2 so perhaps Labor Day through Christmas?
- Add research section in junior year – others said that would be too much for juniors.
- If remove project from Semester 2, what other big work is there for seniors? Perhaps leave it there.
- Needs more value to it and accommodate student passions.
- Some suggested eliminating it all together, since senior year students are also working on their first really big research paper.
- It is not a NEASC requirement.
- If done before fall of senior year, can use the project on applications.
- State framework may revise to require civics project as graduation requirement
  - Onus not just on one teacher
  - Perhaps require in Grade 11 so if don't pass, can try again in Grade 12?

**Superintendent Search** process: there are 3 finalists whose public interviews will be on Wednesday and Thursday evening – you can go to the meeting or watch televised interviews. It will be very tough to replace Nancy and will be a big change. This a very hard, 24/7 job. A decision will be made at the end of March.

The meeting **adjourned** at 4:05 pm.