



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

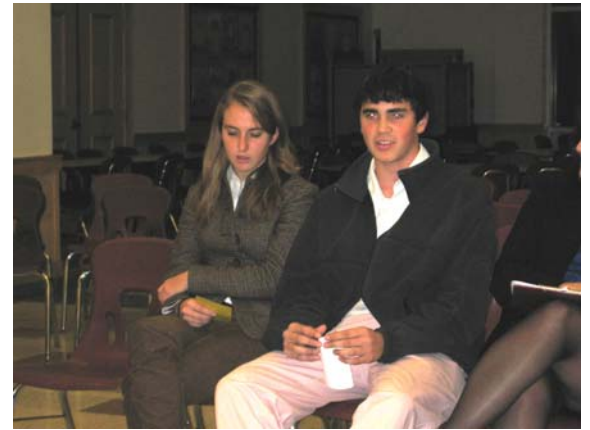
BOE Meeting Summary November 29, 2007

Discussion/Presentations:

1. The Arts Department under the direction of Terryl Donovan gave a brief introduction of the MS Music Program and invited Trustees and all those in attendance to a presentation led by faculty members (Jason Hill and Kathy Capogrosso) and students (Sara Langer, Brianna DeMeo and Kevin Quinn) in the Choral Room. Demonstrated were Programs including IPhoto, iMovie, and Garage Band which enable students to use music, art, writing and voice to create Pod Casts.



2. HS Principal Rich Rozakis gave an overview on the five senior programs as well as the senior experience. This was followed by a brief history by Albert Cousins, Director of Social Studies, and course descriptions by Maureen Curis, Director of English/Literacy. The five interdisciplinary humanities courses are intended to deepen the human experience through the arts and social sciences. They include Long Island Studies, Renaissance 2000, American Culture, QUEST (Questioning, Unique, And Engaged Students and Teachers) and Generation Next. They have described as the single most valuable experience which prepare our students for college. Students Kayla McGilloway and Keith Salerno gave their perspectives of the senior programs while teacher Linda Lohrius gave her faculty point-of-view.



3. Adding Chinese as a High School Elective was presented to the Board by Ellen Shields, Curriculum Associate for Foreign Language. The formal suggestion by Dr. Melnick was to begin it as a HS elective for juniors and seniors only and to consider starting it in Kindergarten as part of the extended day program. There was much discussion about this topic which can be found in the BOE Minutes section on the NS website.

(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for November 29, 2007 on www.northshore.k12.ny.us)