



# North Shore Schools

*Discovering Your Dreams*

## BOE Meeting Summary

September 20, 2007

### **Discussion/Presentations:**

1. Discussion on What Makes North Shore Unique? Dr. Melnick began the discussion by suggesting the BOE focus on adopted goals one and two for this conversation. The Board had a lengthy discussion on how to focus on deep and meaningful learning and not so much on test scores and college admissions. They felt it is important for North Shore Schools to have a reputation with institutions based on the learning opportunities afforded to students, such as the Senior Experience as well as the changes being made in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and not just test scores.

There was some discussion about moving toward offering more rigorous courses than AP courses and eliminating tracking similar to the structure that Scarsdale and Rockville Center have in place. Additionally, there was concern about not offering the types of courses that colleges want to see on transcripts. It was decided to continually revisit this discussion and to include community and student views on this topic as well.

2. Dr. Melnick discussed that the estimates for completing the changes proposed in the Traffic and Safety Report were very rough. He presented the report to the presidents of the parent organizations and they were very supportive of the ideas and suggestions.

It was suggested to wait on the GWL traffic and safety changes until after the bus depot was completed and the current bus garage is vacated. Additionally, the Board suggested that the Construction Steering Committee and District Wide Health & Safety Committee review the report, prioritize the work, and make recommendations to the BOE. The cost of these projects will need to be considered in the building the budget for 2008-09.

**(For further information regarding this meeting, please see the North Shore Board of Education Minutes for September 20, 2007 on [www.northshore.k12.ny.us](http://www.northshore.k12.ny.us))**