

# NHS School Council

January 13, 2026

## MEETING SUMMARY

**Attendance:** Amber Barbere, Violet Aldrich, Chris Cain, Jeanne Coffey, Luna Mutabzi, Aaron Ribaud-Smith, Lucy Rimer, Andy Wulf

### I) High School Updates

- **Cell Phone Reboot:** Andy Wulf spoke about referrals for cell phone policy violations increased from late November through December. To reboot, he addressed the entire school on January 7. The council then discussed the policy. Students present felt overall it was going well with a majority of students following the rule. Lucy Rimer stated, "I was just having a conversation with a friend the other day saying how I don't even think about my phone during the day." Chris Cain, Special Education Teacher, noted he has noticed a big difference from last year. "Phones are not a problem in my classes." Students also commented that for the students who are following, "You are not aware of those who are getting caught." They also noted that overall the feedback they have heard from peers has been positive with the one negative being that they cannot use phones in the library.
- [End of Semester Schedule](#): Andy Wulf reviewed the schedule for next week. Students talked about their preparation for exams and projects to close out the first semester. Violet Aldrich spoke about the STAMP test students will be taking in Spanish. "We're taking the test and won't count as a grade, but it is going to give us good information on our proficiency level" Andy Wulf added, the STAMP will give students an indication of their progress to potentially earn a Seal of Biliteracy.
- [Course Registration \(26-27 School Year\)](#): The Council reviewed the timeline for course registration. Andy Wulf stated that the goal like last year will be for students to leave for the summer with their schedules.
- **Class Assemblies:** The administrative team with the officers of the student council will run assemblies on January 28 to recap the first semester and focus on goals for the second semester.

- College and Career Center: Aaron Ribaud-Smith provided an update on all of the upcoming events for students and their families.
  - ◆ GAP Year Fair - Jan 10
  - ◆ Get College Ready - Jan 22, 6:00 PM at NHS
  - ◆ Mock Admissions Webinar - Jan 29 Virtual

## II) Budget Planning Discussion

- **Review of Past Budget Decisions:** The team reviewed the funding adjustments from the prior four years. Discussion took place around the College and Career Center. Andy Wulf noted how this resource has led to our forward movement with the pathways and exploration of Vocational programming. Amber Barbere noted how this resource helped her family become aware of alternative paths for after high school such as Gap Year Programs. In summary, the team noted how the center is a great resource for our school. Andy Wulf wrapped up by commenting how it has led to important additions to the high school budget over the years such as the pathways initiative and programs such as Schoolinks and College Guidance Network that are resources for the families.
- Budget Discussion: The Council broke into 2 groups and used the following prompts to talk about this year’s budget planning.
  - ◆ If additional funding were available, what investments would most strengthen student learning, belonging, or well-being, and why?
  - ◆ If we needed to be thoughtful about how we use our resources, which parts of our current programming feel most important to sustain for students?

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| <p>If additional funding were available, what investments would most strengthen student learning, belonging, or well-being, and why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support for grade-level student events</li> <li>● More robust programming for students with Autism</li> <li>● Free Water (or check the water filter stations)</li> <li>● More Staff to reduce Teacher to Student Ratio</li> </ul> | <p>If we needed to be thoughtful about how we use our resources, which parts of our current programming feel most important to sustain for students?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● AP Classes</li> <li>● College and Career Center</li> <li>● Tides Program</li> <li>● Performing Arts and Theater</li> <li>● Maintain variety of electives</li> <li>● Guidance/counseling availability</li> <li>● Special Education - Inclusive to all students</li> </ul> |
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- Growing pathway programs
- Specialized staff for said pathway
- Well-being/emotional support programs
- Growth of college and Career Center into the Middle School
- Grow programs for post high school pathways that are not college.

- Virtual High School