

**School Advisory Council**  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**6:30-8:00 P.M.**  
**Green Meadow Conference Room**

**Minutes**

**Present Members:** Kieran Joshi, Shirley Dufour, Fred Chi, Katie Krasinski, Bernie McLaughlin, Tim Sullivan, Nyomi Corriveau, Hanne Mully

**Attending:** Marie Kutlowski, Anne Manning, Bill Kohlman

**Minutes:** Hanne Mully

1. Public Input: None
2. Review of Minutes: Minutes accepted
3. Current Status:
  - a. The Joseph P. Magno situation was discussed:
    1. Bernie shared a letter written by Dr. Masterson. The letter addresses the MPS parents and gives them an update on the situation. The letter will go home on 1/10/06.
    2. Bernie shared a statement on Mr. Magno from Chief Corcoran
    3. The presence of the press at the Maynard schools was discussed for some time.
  - b. The Massachusetts District of Education (MADOE/DOE) is auditing the Maynard Public Schools this week. Besides observations, the DOE conducts interviews with parents, students, administrators, and teachers throughout the three buildings. The DOE is making sure that MPS adheres to state policies on curriculum, civil rights, etc. The outcome of the audit is a written report, which should be available in about two months. The report is a public document.
  - c. Bernie mentioned that the GMS policy for retention might get changed.  
Bernie would like the school to make the final decision in retention cases (the school decision should override the decision of the parents/guardians). The School Council will make the final decision on Bernie's suggestion.
  - d. Dr. Masterson will ask the PTO for money for a communication system. The request will be made at the 1/10/06 PTO meeting held at Green Meadow School.

- e. Family Fun night was brought up. Bernie expects it will happen again this year. The auction (organized by the PTO) will happen on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Auction items were discussed.
- f. Bernie introduced Ann Manning, a parent. Ann Manning was participating in the meeting to find out what it entails to be on the School Council.

4. School Improvement Plan:

Tim Sullivan suggested that the Webmaster for the Green Meadow School website use Firefox instead of Internet Explorer. Tim Sullivan asked if there has been a survey of how many computer households there are in Maynard. The school website is published in Bernie's weekly newsletter. It was suggested that the school website is printed in the GM Student Handbook. It was suggested that GM offers an introductory class to parents on how to navigate the GM website. Tim Sullivan offered to do a class for parents. The class will last about one hour. It could be held at the Fowler School computer lab. Bill Kohlman, the web master, will link a budget overview to the school homepage.

The following was added to the plan under **Enhance District Communication**:

Under 1 a, b, and c: add "websites for students", add "websites for parents"

Under 2: add "link on home page"

5. Next meeting is scheduled on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The following part of the School Improvement Plan will be discussed: **Ensure the use of common tolls for the core curriculum.**  
Fred Chi will take notes.