

Minutes
School Council Meeting
February 6, 2007
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Green Meadow Conference Room

Attendance:

Bernadette McLaughlin
Charlotte Jones
Pat McCarthy
Kieran Joshi
Nyomi Corriveau
Stephanie Gavin
Dan Charbonneau

- I. **Public Input:** Bill Kohlman was present to address the issue of the Green meadow website. He will continue to maintain the website citing the fact that other options would not work as well on a permanent basis. The option of high school students maintaining the website is not a good idea because they would probably lose interest quickly and the website would be inconsistent and out-of-date. The permanent website should be very easy and user-friendly and teachers should be able to access it and add information to it.

- II. **Review of Minutes 1-18-07:** Minutes accepted.

- III. **Current Status:** School safety discussed with Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. Events used as a catalyst. Green Meadow safety procedures were reviewed and discussed. The issue of Superintendent Masterson was discussed. Bill Kohlman was present as school committee chairman to explain the process of placing Dr. Masterson on administrative leave. Mrs. McLaughlin explained the entire process and chronology of events with input and clarification from Mr. Kohlman. Assistant Superintendent Dan Meyers will be acting superintendent on February 2. Mr. Kohlman met with town officials and determined that suspension was an option. On February 3 an emergency meeting was called for the school committee to discuss the Dr. Masterson issue. At 12:15 pm a vote was taken and it was decided that a two week administrative leave would be given to Dr. Masterson with a hearing set for February 14 to hear the entire case. The February 14 meeting was postponed due to the fact that Dr. Masterson's lawyer could not be present on that day.

Other topics of current status included the high number of incoming kindergarten students for the 2007-08 school year. Because the number is slightly higher than average, it will most likely impact the school budget.

Seven classrooms are planned. There may have to be an override planed to budget for the money.

The High School situation of still being in danger of losing its accreditation was briefly discussed.

Mrs. Cranson is planning to retire but has slowed down the process to enable her to stay until June. If this is not possible, she plans to retire, than stay at Green Meadow as a consultant until a replacement is found.

- IV. **Review of School Improvement Plan-07-10:** The current format works so it will be kept the same. The school council is currently working on the areas of curriculum, instruction, assessment, safety, communication and environment.

Progress of Meeting:

- Add environmental improvement goals of curriculum
- Expand 3,2,1 Jump Up and Go program
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield Wellness program
- Implementation of the “I Care” Program is to start. It stresses tolerance and acceptance of differences with school and communities being involved.
- Change goals to say “adapting core curriculum to meet the needs of all students” instead of majority of students.

The latest suggestions will be wordsmithed and presented at next meeting.

- V. **Public Input:** No public present.