

## School Council Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2007

### Attendance:

Bernadette McLaughlin  
Charlotte Jones  
Stephanie Gavin  
Dan Charbonneau  
Pat McCarthy

Minutes: Stephanie Gavin

### I. PUBLIC INPUT

No public present.

### II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motioned to accept March 2007 minutes as submitted was presented. Minutes were accepted.

### III. CURRENT STATUS

1. Library – The library is working well with Liz Doyle and Michele Dolan. Dorothy Kramer, a parent and librarian, has also offered to help out. The students haven't noticed any change with the retirement of Ms.Cranson.
2. Staff – still advertising for librarian, music teacher and anticipated classroom teacher positions for 2007-2008 school year.
3. PTO- The Auction raised around \$30,000.
4. HS Accreditation Meeting on 4/10/2007 at 7pm at MHS. M HS Tours begins at 6:30pm – led by HS students.
5. The Town of Maynard found \$350,000 for high school repairs. No ballot issues for HS.
6. Placement for next year – The process for placing students in grades K-3 has begun. It's based on academic performance, behavior, and special needs. Each child is reviewed. The Special Education teacher meets with the class groups and suggestions are made on children grouped together for services needed. This is all fed into the computer. The classes are balanced out. Each student is placed with one student from current class. Balance in behavior is looked at. Parent input for non-requests (teacher or student) is submitted to the principal. Then Bernie McLaughlin reviews the groups and adds parent input changes and finally the teacher names are added.

Two Early release days are used to work on placement. SPED has already met. Parents have until Friday before April vacation to submit non-request letter.

Parents can opt of looping in 2 year, but can not request looping for the first year.

Lists are not posted until late August due to possible changes (additions of students, rebalancing classes, etc.)

#### IV. School Improvement Plan

Plan updated to change date to 2007 -2010.

The group worked on the Enhance Student/Staff Safety Section and Ensure a respectful, safe, nurturing environment to promote optimum learning sections of the plan to include:

- Add internet Safety
- Officer Phil Safety program
- Develop Grade 3 student ambassadors who would be peer leaders
- Add resource lending library on Special needs for parents and staff
- Committee reviewing whole school and grade level morning meetings. Would like to see more parents at the meeting. May add grade level presentations back in to meetings.
- Evaluate the use of AI's Pals (Kindergarten program) and bland with CARES from responsive classroom program
- ICARES program for students to develop an understanding on individual differences
- Transition plan for students going from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade at Fowler
- Create a new student welcome packet

In the Parent/Community Involvement section, the plan was updated to include:

Provide events for families and school personnel to interact socially and academically

- PTO to sponsor back to school picnic for families
- Encourage Star/Excel to maintain BINGO nights
- Conduct Parent/Teacher conferences in December with each parent
- Encourage Parents to attend grade level and/or classroom presentations
- Explore speakers to talk on topics of interest to parent

Encourage more parent participation in classroom and recognize parent efforts during National Volunteer week

- Continue to generate ways working parents can help out in the classroom

Bernie also noted that the Elks are going to do a Flag Day presentation in May since we are not in school on Flag Day (June 14<sup>th</sup>).

#### VI.PUBLIC INPUT

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#### VIII. Next Meeting's Agenda

Group will work on Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment section and the applicable subsections of the School improvement plan at May meeting.