

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
September 13, 2004
Minutes

In attendance: F. Chi, B. McLaughlin, B. Kohlman, M. Kutlowksi, J. Marston, P. Cotter, J. Nelson, S. Dufour, T. Sullivan, K. Richardson, N. Messina

I. Public Input: None at this time

II. Review of Minutes: June 7, 2004 minutes accepted and seconded unanimously

III. Current Status: GM's agenda was revised due to the discussion of early and late start of the school calendar with Fowler School. Fowler School Council has not met. Also, administration should meet first before the topic comes before both Councils.

Welcome Back Letter was given to School Council along with all GM staff in August.

M.L. Smith and Jane Ryan, respectfully, have retired at the end of 2003-2004 school year.

New Staff: 2 SPED, Beth George, Mary Thomley, 1 Speech & Lang., Jennifer Hughes, 1 Kindergarten, Linda Fiorillo.

Responsive Classroom- The First Six Weeks was read by the entire staff and faculty. November 12th is a professional day. Responsive Classroom representatives from Greenfield will provide a day of discussion. The PTO paid for 2 Green Meadow faculty to attend a week-long course on Responsive Classroom.

Barbara Bergner attended Leadership Training in Needham working on dialogue groups.

Hanne Mully will present Responsive Classroom to the PTO in October.

Bernie was contacted by the Jewish Coalition on literacy. They will train volunteers to read with students. Bernie has met with 1 person. The temple working with us, is in Acton. Sally Cotter is the contact person. We're not sure how many will be involved at this time.

Adequate Yearly Progress, (AYP), evaluating school district ACAS and NCLB. By 2014 all students will be proficient and meeting goals. A current newspaper article will report that more schools are not making AYP. Maynard is making AYP. Green Meadow is making AYP, however Fowler, due to 2 sub-groups, (free and reduced lunch & SPED), are not reaching AYP. The entire district will show as not reaching AYP. How can we improve our scores and reach AYP? Dr. Masterson and Dr. Mayer attended the first GM Faculty Meeting and let everyone know that we are doing a great job and should celebrate our success.

PTO and district supported the landscaping project. Green Meadow does indeed look Green!

IV. Review of Member Info.: Thanks to Sue Kelleher, names and phone numbers have been distributed. Please make any corrections and Bernie will see they are corrected and distributed at the next meeting.

V. Plans/Reports for 04-05: Invite Dr. Mayer to our meeting. Bernie will ask.

Marie Kutlowski will present from PTO Oct. 4.

EXCEL perhaps later in the year to look at spring and summer activities.

Technology, where do we stand? Third Grade goes to Fowler to use their lab 1 day a week. Fowler is the main connection, (Broadband), and Green Meadow is connected. GM has poor hardware and share service people with Fowler. A committee has been formed to help with what we need to know. Priscilla Cotter, Jessica Nelson, Tim Sullivan, and Nance Messina will meet and present November 1st on their findings.

VI. School Improvement Plan: Dr. Masterson would like us to move "Respectful and Safe School Environment" to "Enhance Student/ Staff Safety to align with the other plans. The Council agreed to make the change.

VII. Develop Calendar: A calendar for minutes was generated and Kristen Richardson will take notes next meeting.

VIII. Public Input: Global Child- World Languages flyer New Drop-off procedures going well but we still need to be patient.

Doesn't Fowler need to start Council meetings even if they don't have a full Council? Fowler usually starts later to bring in more families.

Third Grade exit surveys were brought up. Exit surveys are given to 3rd, 8th, and 12thgrade families. Three responses and one phone call were returned from 3rd grade. Perhaps timing was poor. GM may want to look into generating a survey specific to GM as long as this was the only survey so not to overwhelm families.