

Green Meadow School Council
October 17, 2005 Minutes

Present Members:

Bernadette McLaughlin, Hanne Mully, Katie Krasinski, Tim Sullivan, Kieran Joshi, Shirley Dufour

Attending: Marie Kutlowski, Nyomi Corriveau

Minutes: Kieran Joshi

I: PUBLIC INPUT

--Marie will input when ever she feels necessary.

II. MINUTES REVIEW from September 12, 2005

III. CURRENT STATUS

--Cheryl Copolla is returning to work after a medical leave due to her pregnancy. She will return on a part time basis. The parents have not been told since Cheryl needs to see how her return to work goes.

--PTO is in the middle of the magazine drive and very busy with future plans. They have had a pampered chef event. They will have a Learning Express game night and are planning a silent auction. Their funds are used for a variety of things. They have given teachers a start up cost of \$50 (more to art and music) and will subsidize the field trips.

--Monster March is being planned for October 28

--Current enrollment is 477.

IV. FOLLOWING UP FROM MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2005 (School Committee)

--The School Committee would like to have more joint meetings and they would also like the minutes of the school council. The school committee will then send their minutes to the school council. Both groups are trying to open the lines of communication between the groups.

--Tim Sullivan summarized a school committee document with 4 main topics: regulations, competition, customers, economy (see attached)

--Katie Krasinski mentioned the number of out of school placements for special education. The school committee hopes to bring some of these students back to the district to help with the school budget.

--A marketing firm is coming in to help Maynard promote itself and its' education system.

--We will wait for another invitation from the school committee for a joint meeting.

V. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - PARENT / COMMUNITY LINKS --Tim says more dunk tanks at Family Fun Night and promises a Sponge Bob costume.

--Interested in bringing the community into the schools who are not parents of students.

--Katie suggested having parents come into show a talent/skill during Morning Meetings. This brings the communities together and gives the students a more global

view of the world.

--Hanne suggested some Community evenings to share experiences with other community members.

--Shirley asked about Morning Meetings since she recently began sending a child to Green Meadow. The council gave an explanation and it was suggested that other parents may also have questions about Morning Meetings. Tim suggested having WAVM broadcast a Morning Meeting to help share it with parents. Bernadette would like to do something to help increase parent awareness and understanding of Morning Meetings.

--Suggested PTO announcements be aired on WAVM.

--Katrina fund raising has gone well. Over \$1000 was collected and will be given to a charity. The hope is that a member of the organization could attend a Morning Meeting.

--Basket fund raising was done in the past.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT

--Marie wanted to know if the school knew if the students who took the MCAS prep book had better MCAS results. Bernadette has not looked at it specifically but she did note that many students did well. She will look into it. It helped to reduce parent/student anxiety.

Next meeting is November 7. We will discuss Goal one regarding Core Curriculum.