

Green Meadow School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2004

Minutes: Shirley Dufour

Attending:	Tim Sullivan	Jessica Nelson	Priscilla Cotter
	Liz Doyle	Bill Kohlman	Chris Gould
	Kristen Richardson	Nance Messina	Fred Chi
	Marie Kutlowski	Daniel Mayer	Judy Wing
	Patrick Johnson	Mike Stevens	Bernie McLaughlin
	Shirley Dufour		

I. Public Input

Marie Kutlowski is packaging cookies for tomorrow's bake sale at the voting polls.

II. Review of Minutes

Minutes accepted.

III. Current Status The third grade participated in an exercise relating to the voting/election process. They took on the roles of the candidates and presented their party's views on the election topics. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> all students and adults will vote.

The breakfast food drive was a great success, perhaps the best one yet.

The next two early release days will be for parent conferences. The next professional day will be used for responsive classroom training.

The evaluation process has begun for staff. There are three observations each year for the first three years and then they are twice every other year.

IV. Parent Members Term of Office

The available parent position will be posted in the upcoming newsletter. Bill Kohlman will research the definition of a staff member.

V. Dr. Daniel Mayer, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Mayer handed out information regarding curriculum design while explaining that only math and ELA are tested at this time on the MCAS for third grade.

He reviewed MCAS performance and AYP. He explained that there has to be at least 40 students in a sub-group in order to be evaluated. Green Meadow does not have as many students in the sub groups as Fowler does.

There is no standardized testing in math at Green Meadow at this time. There are plans to introduce a standardized test at the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level as an assessment tool before students take it in third grade.

## VI. Technology

Dr. Mayer explained that they are developing a plan to evaluate how computers should be used as part of the core curriculum. The questions are, what do we want the students to learn and how can computers help achieve this? An important issue that was discussed was the need for proper professional development for staff once these guidelines are established.

With the assistance of an outside consultant, a technology plan timeline is being developed. There is concern however that the town's fiscal situation could prevent its implementation. It is in agreement that the technology is not where it should be anywhere in the district.

Tim Sullivan led a discussion pertaining to more specific issues regarding hardware, software, e-mail, security issues and virus protection. It was determined that most of these issues were on the agenda for the consultant and some had already begun to be addressed.

The consultant will begin her assessment in two weeks. At this time a committee is being assembled that will include a parent and teacher from each school as well as other members from the district to assist in this process.

It was determined that the survey done last in the district of the teachers needs was fairly comprehensive.

## VII. Public Input

none