

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL
OCTOBER 20, 2004**

Present: A. Pratt, M. Wood, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, P. Howes
Administrators: D. Mayer, J. Lent, R. Brooks, B. McLaughlin

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Work Session with School Councils

This meeting is a Committee Work Session with the District School Councils. Committee members sat on individual meetings of the councils before joint session discussions.

Green Meadow School's top priority is a culture of well being on which all other goals rely. They felt curriculum and assessment had improved over the years but there is a need for better technology in the building. Other goals include better school/parent communication, more parent involvement and school safety.

Fowler School's major goal is to address their start time. Studies have shown that early morning may not be the best time for children to learn. Safety is also a concern. A change in the start time would need to be coordinated with Green Meadow because of the bus schedules. Other goals include meeting the needs of special needs students without affecting the core curriculum; more time for teacher planning and development without affecting the students learning time and having positive school culture where students feel safe.

Maynard High School hopes to continue improving the transition for students from Fowler to the High School. They continue to seek to "raise the bar" for honor students and review the process for class ranking and grade point average.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary