

# **TURKEY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

December 4, 2012  
*Minutes of Meeting*

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

Present: Timothy Santry, Heidi Champagne, Gail Okerman, Beth Arsenault, Wendy Bertrand, Shelly King, Laura Friend, Bob Meek-LaVeck

Beth Arsenault read the minutes. There are no corrections.

## **Introductions**

- Chart given to compare FY13 budget. Some of the higher increases were explained. For example, consumables were increased due the incoming 4th and 5th grades together using more materials than the outgoing 8th grade.
- Ultimately \$54,955.00 will be requested at the school committee meeting.

## **Great Books**

- THMS continues to be a Model School for Great Books. Thanks to a collaboration and our providing a training facility, this will be our third year with Great Books observations and model writing projects.
- Invitations to participate in the writing projects have been extended to include the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Three times a year, from the same chosen students, each grade level submits 25 exemplars of writing prompts. These are graded by Great Books to show progress and comparison to other model schools.

## **Theater Integrating Guidance, Education, & Responsibility (T.I.G.E.R.)**

- On Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, a group from Plymouth State University will come to visit the district to spread anti-bullying sentiments through drama and discussion.

## **Peer Mediation Training**

- Seven 5<sup>th</sup> graders, eight 6<sup>th</sup> graders, and four 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been trained in peer mediation; they have given a set of skills to mediate lower level conflicts.
- The program will launch soon with posters and role-play examples in classrooms.

## **Big Sibs**

- Seventeen high school students, who will receive community service credits, have been matched with middle school students to help them work on making connections, team building, and community based projects such as Empty Bowls.

**Honor Roll**

- A breakfast was served to recognize the efforts of the 113 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who made honor roll.

**Late Bus**

- As the budget for a true “late bus” is not available, Mr. Santry is working on a trade with the high school for an “early bus.” Our students would catch rides in early in exchange for high school students using our buses as a late bus.
- Teachers would fill out a slip that would be OK'd by the principal in each building, with a limit of 5 to 10 per day. Students could not use the services for behavioral detentions, but rather for extra help sessions.

**RTI Specialist**

- Kristen Spadafino will work on benchmarks and assistance with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for struggling and high level learners. Some of her data will come from AIMSweb.

**Next Meeting** is January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.