

TURKEY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

April 1, 2014
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 5:04
Minutes were reviewed.

Present were Timothy Santry, Heidi Champagne, Gail Okerman, Beth Arsenault, Rhonda Connery, Wendy Bertrand, Ami Powers

Budget

- 7% recommended by the Superintendent over last year. Circuit Breaker money from the state is not in yet.
- \$700,000 difference between the CAFO and Superintendent. Some of this requested money is a full time ELL teacher and a paraprofessional in each building.
- Usually, a line item reduction is made instead of whole item deletions.

MCAS/PARCC and DESE Observer

- Administration of the Session 1 MCAS went very well. Students worked hard, there were no problems.
- DESE Observer came in to see how test administrators were trained, how accommodations were met, etc.
- PARCC (Math) has had some technology glitches, students filled out an opinion survey with mixed results. No personal results will be reported to the school or to parents.

Secretary of Education Visit

- Invited by the LEA representative to visit the school.
- He tweeted out some active photos from classes he visited.

Recess

- Since no extra room in the parking lot is available, students will need to continue using the front lot for recess.
- Mrs. Laserte refilled the recess bucket of balls and jump ropes.

Youth Congress

- Invited to attend a conference and bring 20 students who show leadership qualities to Park Plaza in Boston. Among the conference talks will be “How to Combat Prejudice”, “Hear others Perspectives”, etc.

A.L.I.C.E. Training

- A proactive approach to a worst case scenario school emergency/shooting. A.L.I.C.E. stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate (in no particular order)
- The procedure as it stands is to lockdown each room as best as possible, but statistics show that this may not be the best approach to protecting the children.
- If approved by the School Committee, a full day Professional Development will be devoted to training the staff in September in conjunction with the LPD in these proactive methods. Some of the methods include, teacher discretion of whether to lockdown, barricade, or escape depending of available space and information.
- Viewed the “ALICE Middle School Video” produced by cinema students at Lange Middle School in Montana. www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6ksnSzy6M

School Improvement Plan

- GOAL #1 (MCAS Growth Data):
 - Enrichment for highest 10% or Intervention, grouped by ability. Project based learning geared toward Gifted and Talented? Heidi suggested that during Enrichment cycle, students would have to take Guidance and Health, but the elect in to Art, PE, etc. for the remaining 4 cycles.
 - Add Continental Math, etc.?
- Remaining Goals will be discussed at the next meeting

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Next meeting will be May 5th at 5pm.