

TURKEY HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 15, 2011
Minutes of Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Present: Timothy Santry, Dr. Greg Berthiaume, Donna Celuzza, Linda Perenzin, Stephanie Madrigal, and Beth Arsenault. Kim Thomas arrived at 5:15.

Minutes were read by Beth Arsenault

Anti-Bullying Information:

- Handouts and Forms were sent home on February 4th.
- Professional Development has already begun, covering cyber bullying.

School Improvement Plan 2011-2012

- Mr. Santry handed out copies of the 2010-2011 Plan for input/feedback: How is it working? Could it be better utilized?
- He explained that the current format is based on Grant Wiggins' Understanding By Design templates.
- Most of the feedback expressed that the current format is too "bulky" with too much information that is not easily accessible. Information sent home should be succinct with not too much "ed-talk."
- Mr. Santry expressed his preference to streamline the SIP to be able to use it more easily, providing timelines, etc. He proposed a change in the template that he will fill in and send out by the next meeting date (3/29) so as to have an objective discussion on that day.
- It was felt that three goals were appropriate, but that tracking progress should be easier and based on actual goals, rather than annual changes.
- Tracking should include a timeline, measurable and attainable goals, and it is important to note the person ultimately responsible for each goal's attainment.
- Two of the three goals would remain, "Improve MCAS scores and academic achievement" and "Build technology capacity and utilize it to support reliable 24/7 internet access that supports a web-based grading system, homework site, on-line grading, and curricular resources." The third goal will be rewritten, but still deal with our social-emotional curriculum.

School Calendar 2011-2012:

- Changes include a half day on both 179th and 180th day.

MCAS Testing:

- The 7th grade Long Comp will be on March 22nd.
- The exact testing dates for the Reading Comprehension tests will fall between March 27th and April 4th.

Model School Project:

- THMS has been picked as a Model School for Junior Great Books.
- Writing samples have been sent out for feedback and comparison with other Model Schools.

School Updates:

- Leadership Club will host a puzzle and game swap on March 5th at the library.
- Project 351 led by Governor Patrick hosted a meeting in Boston that James Reif attended after being acknowledged as having “great community spirit.” The project worked on Community Service in Boston. James had such an inspiring time that he wishes to begin a “Club 582” to do similar work in town.
- Eighteen students will be competing in the Annual Spelling Bee that will be held on February 16th at 6pm.
- The 7th grade Class trip will be rafting on May 27th as discussed earlier.

Next Meeting will be March 29th at 6pm.

Following Meeting will be May 10th at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.