

School Council Meeting Record

Meeting Date: December 10th, 2010

Persons Present: Jennifer Parson, Janeen Sheelen, Amy Denault, Alexis Miller, Beth D'Alleva, Karen Niss, Michael Porter

Absent: Alaina Ciaramicoli, Maureen Burns, Timothy Sanford

Resigned:

Recorder: Amy Denault

Agenda Items	Key Discussion Points	Outcome(s)
1. Review of November minutes	<u>Main Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council had all read through the minutes. 	<u>Decisions/Actions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council accepted the minutes of the November meeting.
2. School Improvement Plan	<u>Main Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on Atlas Rubicon was discussed. 	<u>Decisions/Actions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Denault and Mrs. Parson shared that most areas of Atlas Rubicon are now complete as of December 2010. Some additions and revisions will still need to be made.
3. Full Day Kindergarten(FDK)	<u>Main Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jen Parson shared an update on the progress and future of our FDK Program. 	<u>Decisions/Actions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexis Miller shared with the council that her own daughter is doing well and enjoying our half day kindergarten program. • Mrs. Parson shared with the council that the FDK teachers and students seem to be adjusting to the long day and schedule. She said communication between all kindergarten teachers remains strong to help ensure continuity for both full and half day programs. Mrs. Parson shared with that council that one of our goals this year is make sure each kindergarten program offers the same experiences. • Mrs. Parson discussed the rave reviews she received after the entire kindergarten staff returned from their conference. The teachers felt rejuvenated and energized to try integrating new academic concepts using fun new approaches! • Mrs. Sheelen shared with the council that they are seeing progress with the FDK students in the cafeteria. She continues to encourage parents to speak with their child ahead of time to

		finalize menu choices for that day. Adding some new healthy lunch choices was also discussed.
4. Budget	<u>Main Points</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jen Parson updated the council about the upcoming year's budget. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Parson discussed that there seems to be a shift in our enrollment for next year. At this point, we have budgeted for 12 first grade classes, 2 FDK classes and 9 half day sections of kindergarten. We are currently reaching out to all Hopkinton parents by email, newsprint, TV and websites to encourage parents to enroll their upcoming kindergartener now. Level budgets are being reviewed and administration is being asked to slightly reduce their supply budgets. Space for FDK classes as well as staff members and staffing needs remains to be a difficult issue at Center School.
5. New School	<u>Main Points</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jen Parson updated the council on the plans for the new school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs. Parson reported that we are in the process of informing the people of Hopkinton about the constraints of Center School and its impact on educational experiences. All media outlets are being used to help ensure that accurate information gets to the people of this town. The MSBA vote is slated for February regarding the new school plans.
6. Playground	<u>Main Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jen Parson discussed the new playground. 	<u>Decisions/Actions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new playground is being installed and should be done by the New Year. The council/Center School Staff will discuss ideas for some type of "unveiling" to celebrate.
7. Agenda planning for the next meeting	<u>Main Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) New School-publicity plan Budget K enrollment Update on the playground 	<u>Decisions/Actions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Next mtg.: January 14th, 2011</u> <u>7:45a.m. Center School</u>