

Elmwood School Council Meeting

Minutes

January 11, 2011

The meeting began at 2:45 in the Elmwood Conference Room.

Present, Cissy Coutinho, Pat DiCostanza, Anna Dixon, Elizabeth Guerra, Alexis Miller, Donna Orellana, and Ilene Silver

Absent: Diane Bird, Kathy Laflash, David Ljungberg, and Laura O'Malley

- Minutes from the December 7, 2010 meeting were accepted as written.
- Council members were updated on the Superintendent's budget proposal for Elmwood School which will include:
 - 11 second grade sections and 13 third grade sections for a reduction of 1 section in total. The enrollment will be reduced by 14 students.
 - The assistant principal and 10 month secretary will continue both to be part-time.
 - Mrs. Silver will present to the School Committee on Thursday, January 20.
- The proposed Fruit Street elementary school and districted schools were discussed. Parents asked for input from teachers regarding preference. Teachers concurred that having districted schools would be academically advantageous for students, would enable teachers from the three schools to have common planning meetings, and would improve community building.
 - Brief discussion of location of kindergarten classes at Elmwood School and rationale for location.
- Federal bullying mandates and guidelines were reviewed, as well as the District's plan that was submitted to the Commonwealth in December.

Elmwood's next School Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8 at 2:45 in the Elmwood Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ilene S. Silver.