

Burke-Memorial School Council Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2011
3:15 p.m.
Memorial School Library

Members : Amanda Luizzi, Eileen Harvey, Tracey Dacko, Jennifer McKeown, Richard Gorman, Patricia Dillon, Karen Whitla and Kathy Hickey.

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The first meeting of the Burke-Memorial School Council took place at 3:15 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2011 in the Memorial School Library

We began our meeting by introducing everyone and welcoming new members. We reviewed the important role of the School Council.

The following items were discussed at the meeting.

- Amanda Luizzi presented the MCAS performance data from the 2010-2011 school year. AYP accountability data, trends across cohorts of students and in grade levels were discussed. Discussion followed regarding student progress and the need for growth.
- The Council reviewed the goals of the 2010-2011 School Improvement Plan. Council members agreed that Goals 3 and 4 (Bullying Prevention Plan and Revising a Comprehensive Elementary Parent/Student Handbook) had been satisfied. Members also agreed that further work needed to be done surrounding Goals 1 and 2 (Student performance on MCAS ELA and Math test).
- Patty Dillon and Kathy Hickey presented further analysis of the MCAS scores. They spoke about how teachers were asked to break down the performance of their current and former classes to look for trends and plan instruction. Both educators noted that our students needed assistance with the writing portion of the ELA and Math MCAS test.
- The team brainstormed thoughts and ideas for the 2011-2012 School Improvement Plan. The following is a list of goals *discussed* at the meeting:
 - To improve student performance (all subgroups) on the MCAS English Language Arts test by increasing "Proficient" and "Advanced" levels by 5 percentage points (focus on writing) *continuation from last year*
 - To improve student performance (all subgroups) on the MCAS mathematics test by increasing "Proficient" and "Advanced" levels by 5 percentage points (focus on writing in mathematics) *continuation from last year*
 - The Council Members agreed to discuss other ideas and share them as we move forward. Members were asked to contact Amanda Luizzi with additional ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 21, 2011.