

Medway Middle School

School Council Meeting Notes

October 21, 2009

The first meeting of the Middle School Council was held on Wednesday, October 21 in the Middle School Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 and attendance was taken. Present were: Mary Sullivan, Lisa Swan, Lyn Shea, Andrea Moores, Laura McHugh, Michael Kelly, Wendy Harrington, Jeannette Waugh, Paula Pacheco, Jo-Anne Muench, Megan Bond, Elizabeth Clark, Joanne Senier-LaBarre. Absent: Gwen Clark.

The following items were discussed during the meeting:

- Summer reading:
 - Meet with ELA teachers to discuss and make a decision on books.
 - Possibly get away from classics being assigned over vacation and introduce newer titles. Save the classics for in-class reading/discussion during the school year.
 - Decision to come in January
- Barnes & Noble Fundraiser:
 - Monday, December 14th- Tuesday, December 15th
 - Artwork created by students in grades six through eight will be on display, and the seventh grade chorus will be the entertainment for the evening on Monday the 14th.
 - Time TBA- We discussed 6:30, but no final decision was made.
 - A portion of the proceeds will go to the art and music departments. The amount of books sold on these two nights will determine the percentage that comes to the school. Families can mention Medway Middle School at the checkout and/or present a voucher to the cashier to benefit the middle school.
 - Looking into entertainment for Tuesday night too (possibly middle school band members)
- Wellness Day:
 - Tuesday, November 17, 2009: seventh-graders
 - Officer Reardon and Officer Grimes will run the Internet safety seminar in the auditorium.
 - Six wellness visitors (including several nutritionists) will be available in room 301.
- Medway principals are in the process of rewriting school improvement plans.
 - Trying to obtain more data and focusing on improving student achievement
 - Ex. Improving AYP by ___ points
 - Science (engineering component): Eighth grade students now participate in engineering classes that align with the MA curriculum frameworks. Students participate in hands-on experiments in the lab.
 - Math Extension: Project-based math activities (ex- designing a mall incorporating geometry) in a relaxed atmosphere- mixed-ability grouping
 - Grades 5-8 targeted intervention: Students will be pulled from one special per week to receive additional math instruction (ex- every Tuesday). Students will also be identified to work on skills within the classroom.

- Noted the importance of bringing up our students who are in the “Needs Improvement” range to “Proficient,” and the students who are highly proficient into “Advanced” (many students are only a few questions away from moving up)
- Career Day reminder:
 - Email needs to be sent out soon
 - Mr. Kelly will take on the chairing of this activity, schedule for March 2010

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is for November 18, 2009 at 3 p.m. in the Middle School Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette Waugh
Secretary