

School Council Meeting Notes  
February 24, 2010  
3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

The fifth meeting of the Middle School Council was held on Wednesday, February 24 in the Middle School Conference Room. The meeting began at 3:00 PM and attendance was taken. Present were: Lyn Shea, Lisa Swan, Michael Kelly, Joanne Senier-LaBarre, Donna Schleicher, Elizabeth Clark, Megan Bond, Joanne Muench, and Andrea Moores. Absent: Gwen Clark, Wendy Harrington, Paula Pacheco, Jeannette Waugh, and Laura McHugh.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. LaBarre.  
The following items were discussed at the meeting

#### Career Day

- Tuesday, March 9 grade 8 students
- 22 speakers have agreed to participate
- Students filled out forms indicating their first 3 choices
- Make sure that the mailing addresses of the presenters were correct in order to mail thank-you notes

#### Summer Reading

- The possibility of having a single book for both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to read is being discussed

#### Dates for awards nights

- Medway HS graduation 6/6
- Mon 6/7 MS grade 5, 6, & 7 award night
- Wed 6/9 MS grade 8 award night
- Verification of Town Meeting Dates is necessary to make sure there are no scheduling conflicts with the award nights

#### Bullying Incident

Following an incident in Grade 5 in January, Ms. LaBarre, Ms. Hasenfuss, and Officer Grimes met with the parents of the children involved in the incident. Plans for a program about “How to Treat Each Other” are being made. Officer Grimes and the school psychologist hope to plan and present an evening for parents on cyberbullying. Also, parents will be made more aware of places their children visit on the internet.

#### School Drop-Off

- Some parents are very unhappy with the current student drop-off plan
- Sometimes police are on duty to prevent parents from using the circular driveway for drop-off.
- Certain situations (injured students) will still be allowed to use the circular driveway.

- There are plans for a new traffic plan. This pattern will go behind the Middle School via Kelley Street

#### School Improvement Plan

- Not due until October
- Data driven information is needed for the report

#### Environmental Trip

- The trip will take place from 9/27/10 to 10/1/10
- Cost of trip is \$300
- A parent meeting is planned for March 10
- As a fundraiser parents are selling flower bulbs and whale watch passes.
- The bulbs are shipped directly to the customer by the company.  
As to the Whale watch, parents can contract for tickets at a discount rate. Extra tickets that do not sell can be returned and refunded
- Room mothers will collect forms for the fundraiser
- School secretaries will count the money and checks
- Checks should be made out to "Medway Secondary Home and School Assn"
- The fundraiser will take place during the last 2 weeks of March

#### MCAS news

- March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the date for the Long Composition for Grade 7
- March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Reading Grades 7 & 8
- March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Reading Grades 5 & 6

#### Information Evenings

- One each for Grades 5 & 6

#### New teaming for grades 5 & 6

- Grades 5 and 6 will be in teacher teams of 2
- Math/Science and ELA/ Social Studies
- Math period extended to 1 hour daily
- ELA period will be 1.25 hours long
- This format allows for more flexibility and differentiation
- The extra time that this format creates will allow teachers to spend more time helping students
- This plan will add one new teacher to grades 5 and 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in the Middle School Conference Room at 3PM

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Schleicher