

HOSMER SCHOOL
SITE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2011
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM
HOSMER LIBRARY

I. Welcome, sign in, volunteer for taking minutes.

In attendance:

Anne Hardiman, Bill McCarthy, John Schepis, Lauren Hegarty-Tattrie, Amy Conner and Lisa Gabel

(5-10 minutes)

II. General questions, new items, future agenda items, discussion.

Hardiman: Discussed processes regarding staff substitution documentation. Making sure substitution staff comes into the building and accurately documents their time spent in this building. In addition, due to incident at Middle School, there is now diligent attention paid to monies collected for field trips, fundraisers, activity fees, etc.

Hardiman/McCarthy: Mentioned snow clean up/ice. DPW is responsible for certain areas of snow removal around the building. Maintenance workers shoveled however much needs to be removed. Anne and Bill have been in touch with Facilities Manager Jay Francione for this issue. Also, Hosmer is down one janitor currently due to medical leave.

Anne and Bill also mentioned they continue to work on the cleanliness of the school as this is a concern among staff and parents.

Gabel: Snow accumulation could be caused by residence removing snow within the neighborhood and, perhaps wrongly, accessing Hosmer School property.

Conner: Class size continues to be a concern particularly in the smaller grades for many parents. Anne mentioned Lowell School accessing 4/5 combination and the structures created to support this. Unsure if this is an option for the coming years in terms of providing the best services for students at the Hosmer.

(10-20 minutes).

III. Principals' update/discussion:

Update on Budget issues. Update on Bullying Prevention legislation. General update on issues and dates of importance for Winter/Spring 2011.

Bully Prevention Program is on the school website. Flow chart within the document communicates protocol involved when there is an accusation of bullying. Anne mentioned “gateway behaviors” more prevalent in elementary settings, which would be documented by teachers and administrators in an effort to address concerns which may be cause for concern in the future.

Budget: (hand out given) January /February presentation given by Anne and Bill to School Committee regarding their proposals for the FY2012 Budget. Monday, January 10 will be first meeting regarding budget with School Committee. Future dates for budget meetings should be out next week.

Anne spoke of the different programs each elementary school houses for children with different learning needs.

Anne and Bill have begun to look at potential numbers of students next year. Mentioned maintaining the focus of “best teaching practises” regardless of numbers within the building , concentrating on smaller learning groups.

Teacher Negotiations: Taking place currently. Anne/Bill did not have any information on this piece, although they were hopeful that the contracts would be resolved.

(30 Minutes).

IV. Follow up on membership issues and finalize recruitment letter discussed at last meeting. Follow up on discussion of cafeteria/menu/nutrition issues raised at last meeting.

Conner: Edited the recruitment letter. All in attendance looked at it and made recommendations.

Hardiman/McCarthy: Superintendent Frederick-Koufman has spoken of creating a Wellness Committee. This meeting will take place in February. As budget concerns are in the forefront, an actual date is pending.

(30 Minutes).