

## Site Council

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I. Minutes will be put up on the Hosmer website in the near future

II. General questions – concerns of class sizes particularly with the current third grade, parents would like to have voices heard regarding this issue.. Where do parents go with those concerns?

Anne & Bill discussed all that goes into class configurations, some of those are;  
Budget – concerned about further cuts with budget  
Kindergartners – how many – hard to project  
How cuts at the state level will effect school budget  
Student needs at each grade level  
Future to look at staff assignments – how best to utilize all

Chris Underwood suggested having class size and planning for next year as an Agenda item.

How to use the resource of parents in the classroom – is there a way to volunteer for any classroom not just the child's classroom?

III. Principal update/discussion

- ◆ Lockdown last week –took 15 minutes -everything went fine
- ◆ Second parent coffee – talked about the reporting system, lots of discussion and was well attended next coffee will be in January - the topic will be posted in Monday message and on the website
  
- ◆ Membership – need one more elected parent member, PTO will put forth a name
  
- ◆ Task Forces – the district is moving forward with curriculum around needs in the community. At the December 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> school committee meetings four – Math, Reading, Writing, and Science Task Forces will do a presentation of the progress they have made and where they are going. Discussion about what the task force role is to the elementary schools – curriculum, needs etc... At secondary level they have curriculum departments
  
- ◆ School Improvement Plan looking to coordinate curriculum across elementary schools so grade levels are working on the same kinds of things and share successes

- ◆ School Improvement Plan – Task Force findings will have some bearing on decisions around curriculum, instruction and assessment which will then make an impact on the improvement plan

The goals are;

- Curriculum development
- Instruction
- Assessment
- Professional development
- Partnerships & Connections – improve and expand partnerships and connections with school, district, community and global resources
  
- Discussion on how parents can offer some resources and have communication with task forces –Anne and Bill will be in touch with Ann Koufman about how to reach out to parents through technology

IV. Sub committees – Discussion of whether there should be sub committees with the Site Council – Options are communication, library, enrichment, resource guide book  
Communication sub committee last year discovered the need for communication from Principals – they are working on this through the coffees, Monday message and the school website.

Resource guide book- experts, online resources, travelling programs - Resource guide book helpful for planning what is available for teachers – programs and field trip information – this idea came from the Science sub committee last year

Enrichment activities should there be a sub committee around this? Some items might be;

- ✓ People who are interested in working with enrichment programs -
- ✓ How do we start to coordinate enrichments at the school –
- ✓ Looking at what we've had and resources that are extensions of the school day
- ✓ Summer school programs were supportive programming
- ✓ courses for kids how do we look at programs and how to compensate
- ✓ funding sources

Library sub committee from last year – same volunteers as last year are back working in library. There are many ideas of how to help with the library, it is important for Liz Phipps to be involved with any project for the library.

After the discussion it was decided to have two sub committees;

1. Resource Guide Book led by Stephanie Chamberlain
2. Enrichment Activities led by Tim McGoldrick

Minutes submitted by Marianne Cameron