

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
JOINT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
October 22, 2007
7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Charlie Ellis
Paul Avella
Nancy Mizzoni

ALSO PRESENT:
GeriLyn Ajemian
Amber Cardoos
Will Zimmerman
Marilyn Fedele

ABSENT: Shawna Stea
Mike Fontanella
Diane Bemis

CALL TO ORDER (7:06)

A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order.

SCHOOL COUNCIL HANDBOOK

Dr. GeriLyn Ajemian discussed the Massachusetts School Council Handbook making note of the vision, the key responsibilities and the most pertinent important resource for school principals is Part 3 of the oversight as to what authority the school committees have over school councils.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Shaker Lane

Principal Rich Faherty presented the report discussing the accomplishments made as well as the items to be addressed during the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

Russell Street

Principal Jane Hall presented the major accomplishments from previous years and discussed the action items for the 2007-08 school year. Elaine Braun-Keller noted that there was dramatic improvement in the MCAS; grade 5 really improved.

Middle School

Principal Kevin Moran the MCAS results from Spring 2007 showing past years comparison and the goals he has for the current school year. Open response questions are all over MCAS. Need to give kids more practice on this.

High School

Principal John Buckey presented the school improvement plan goals, highlights and focus areas for the high

school. Elaine Braun-Keller noted that nearly 100% who took the biology MCAS passed it; results in chemistry were not as favorable. It did not count for the students,.

PARENT SURVEY PRESENTATION

Dr. GeriLyn Ajemian presented an update on the Littleton Parent Opinion Surveys.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

Elaine Braun-Keller – commented on statistical viability.

Mary Dugan – questioned if people leaving the district were surveyed. Dr. Ajemian responded.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

Dr. George Ladd spoke about developing targeted school improvement plans. We have a very strong foundation upon which to build.

QUESTIONS

Elaine Braun-Keller – questioned district goals, metrics and professional development.

Paul Avella stated that the plans are being updated. Use current plans and goals and go forward.

GeriLyn Ajemian stated that there will be parallel processes.

Jane Hall stated that our model is to fund professional development through reimbursement.

Elaine Braun-Keller stated that the District Report Card has not been updated for two years.

James Court – Asked if we have an improvement plan format to follow for the district. Dr. Ladd responded that it will be the same for every school.

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Paul Avella and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. (AYE: Unanimous)