

School Improvement Council  
Minutes  
May 28, 2008

Attendees:

Linda Weene, Principal  
Terry Stewart, Assistant Principal  
Maureen Gonsalves, PreK Parent  
Jacqui Rutowicz, Grade 1 Parent  
Aaron Snyder, Grade 2 French Immersion Teacher  
Mary Killelea, K Parent

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:40PM. Absent from the meeting were: Jenny LoRicco, Sue Murphy, Ann Prete, Faith Antonioli, and Dan Griffith.
2. The April 30, 2008 minutes were reviewed and amended to correct the dates for the spring Open House evenings, and the K/PreK Sing-a-Long. The amended minutes were approved.
3. Linda reviewed the impact of the failure of the Proposition 2 ½ Override vote on the budget for the next school year.
4. The Council reviewed the Mission, Vision, and Beliefs document that will be presented to the School Committee. Linda commended the hard work of that committee and the Council expressed their appreciation of the hard work and excellent result. Linda advised that she will present this draft to the entire staff to review in the fall.
5. The Council reviewed the 08-09 Action Plan and voted to add a Critical Issue addressing the Science Curriculum to the first goal – Curriculum.
6. Linda informed that the final phase of the upgrading of the large playground would be completed the next day, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The wood fiber fill would be delivered early in the morning and as part of their Middle School Community Service Day, a group of 20 students, parents, and teachers from the Adams would come to Placentino to spread the wood fiber.
7. As another addition to the playground area, Linda explained that the Extended Day Program had purchased a large canopy to cover an area of the hardtop. This was funded thru a “Sun Safe School” grant. The week of June 2-6 has been designated as “Sun Safe Week” at Placentino and activities have been planned to raise the awareness of the children and their families of the importance of using sunscreen, hats, etc. when spending time in the sun.
8. Maureen requested that the school consider having a “Healthy Foods” week during the 08-09 school year.

9. Linda informed the Council that teachers have received several grants:
  - Mrs. Parker received a grant from PTSA to have a balance beam installed in the K/PreK playground.
  
  - Mrs. Prete and Mrs. Carey have a grant pending with PTSA for a new “smartboard’ and projector for the Placentino Computer Lab.
  
  - Mrs. Merian is working with the Holliston Public Library to secure a grant for services for our English as a Second Language families.
  
10. Linda announced that our Council member, Suzanne Murphy, had a baby girl, Caitlin Marie.
  
11. The Council voted unanimously to approve the 2008-2009 School Improvement Plan.
  
12. The meeting adjourned at 4:50PM.