

Meeting Minutes
Placentino School Council
Wednesday November 9, 2011

Subject:	Placentino School Council Monthly Meeting	Date:	November 9, 2011
Facilitator:	Linda Weene and Terry Stewart	Time:	3:30pm
Meeting Objective:	Review survey on Summer Activities Calendar, upcoming events at Placentino, continue discussion on 2012-2013 Placentino School Improvement Plan		
Location:	Placentino School Library		
Attendees:	Linda Weene , Principal; Terry Stewart , Asst. Principal; Aaron Snyder , 2nd Grade Teacher; School; Jessica Smith , School Psychologist, Judy LeBlanc , 2 nd Grade teacher, Brenda Maurao , Parent Representative, Lisa Brown , Kindergarten Parent Rep.; Evelyn Perry , 1 st Grade Parent Rep.; Katie Vaughn , 2 nd Grade Parent Rep		
Absent:	2 pending appointments: pending Community Representative, Sonya Merian , ESL Facilitator and Spanish Teacher, Leslie Gerber , Preschool Representative.		

Key Points Discussed		
No.	Topic	Highlights
1	Review of Minutes	The minutes were reviewed. One error was noted. The correct spelling of the Parent Representative's name is Maurao not Mauro. Corrections will be made. The minutes as amended were accepted unanimously. Brenda Maurao abstained.
2	Review of the survey that was created to determine the usefulness of the Summer Activities Calendars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terry distributed a copy of the survey that was created on "Survey Monkey." • The Council reviewed and made several recommendations to clarify some of the choices offered. • Discussion also involved sending the survey to families in Grades 1, 2 and Montessori 6-8 since they were the families who would have had access last summer. • The Council also indicated that a similar survey should be conducted on access to the Placentino website and the content of the Placentino website.
	Update on upcoming Placentino activities	Linda updated the Council on the upcoming Placentino Reading Night on November 14 th . She thanked the Council for their recommendation of sending the flyer home through Room Parents. Linda also advised that we had translated the flyer for our ELL families. She also advised the Holliston Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Sara Ahern will be one of the readers.
	Presentation of information on pedometers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda Maurao advised that she had researched an online group called "Walk Smart." This group has been in existence since 1992 and has worked with many schools and groups to foster walking as healthy exercise. Their program sets goals for individuals utilizing a database that can be accessed from home. Their pedometers which are made specifically for children cost \$9.00 apiece (\$6000.00 for 600) and have a special sensor. However, this program would work with any pedometer. • Katie Vaughn also researched the cost of pedometers. The cost can be as low as \$1.00 to \$25.00 each. The Council was leary of how long pedometers that cost \$1.00 would last with young children wearing them. • The Council felt that further research was needed. Brenda will meet with Winnie Carey, Integration Specialist to discuss the software issues that may or may not occur. Also, the Council would like to consider a "pilot" of 6-8 weeks perhaps beginning with Second Graders. • There was a discussion of looking for sponsors to assist with the cost of the pedometers – Dick's Sporting Goods, New Balance, Reebok, Dairy Council, etc.
3	Discussion on 2012-2013 Placentino School Improvement Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda reminded the Council that the December School Council meeting will be a joint meeting with the Miller School Council. Typically at that meeting, both Councils review their thinking on initiatives for their 2012-2013 School Improvement Plans. • Discussion on weaving the Common Core Standards into the new plan will be ongoing. • Discussion on making the language on the ROSP more "parent friendly" both in the definitions of the grading and as the ROSP is updated to reflect the Common Core Standards.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using technology to enhance student learning and access to the curriculum. Linda reviewed the use of iPads in our Autism Program and Severe Special Needs classrooms. She advised the Council that the Superintendent, Dr. Brad Jackson had visited the Autism Program and watched the 3 year olds working on the iPads!
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Action Plan			
No.	Action Item(s)	Owner	Target Date
1	Research the availability of grants for pedometers.	Lisa Brown – Dairy Council Aaron Snyder – Trip Advisor	12/14/2011
2	Research software information from “Walk Smart.”	Brenda Maurao	12/14/2011
3	Update survey on “summer activities calendar”	Terry Stewart	10/26/2011
4	Plan parent meeting on Parent/Child education on nutrition	Lisa Brown/Linda Weene	This fall/winter

Next scheduled meeting: December 14, 2011 at 3:30PM. Placentino Library



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