

Memorial Middle School
School Council Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2007

In Attendance: Lynda Feeney, Mary Dunphy, Sharon Striglio, Rosemary Walper, Mary R-Osofsky, Lisa Campbell, Kathy Crawford, AnnMarie Dunn, Nancy McLaughlin.

Maryann Harte attended as School Committee Representative.
Lisa Canavan attended

Absent: Heather Hughes, Anna Karski, Bill Smyth.

The Meeting was called to order.

- The council elected AnnMarie Dunn as Co-chair and Kathy Crawford as Secretary.
- Lynda discussed the Professional development day – staff/faculty agenda from earlier in the day. Teacher Jen Reardon provided a 25 minute presentation on vocabulary strategies, discussed building consistent skills with students i.e., note taking. Lynda noted that the staff is heading in a good direction. There is always room for improvement and the staff can do better. Some self evaluation taking place, the staff is taking a practical and realistic look at themselves in order to make improvements.
- Lynda presented the MCAS data analysis for students in grades 6 – 8 and other pertinent data relating to MCAS and tracking scores year-to-year.
- Specifically looked at ELA and math scores and participation, performance and improvement.
- The Middle School staff is looking at evaluating, reviewing and revising: class time, schedules, resources, curriculum, looking at how to get extra support for math and English.
- The Middle school has received a grant for after school activities.
- The Council discussed that there are no science textbooks.
- Lynda noted that during Professional Development day that the math teachers for grades 6 – 12 met.
- Also noted that the science teachers discussed their needs.
- The council discussed having Law Enforcement / K9 visit to Memorial Middle School and also having the “ice safety” presentation by the Fire Dept.
- The council discussed topics for the next School Council Meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: December 11th, 2007 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Kathy Crawford.