

Memorial Middle School Council Meeting
April 15, 2008

In attendance: Lynda Feeney, Sharon Striglio, Lisa Campbell, Anna Karski, Mary Dunphy.

Absent: Ann Marie Dunn, Mary R-Osofsky, Bill Smyth

Lynda Feeney distributed the end of the year dates. These will be distributed to parents / guardians. Lynda Feeney will post "dates" on first page of MMS web site.

Rebecca McDonald applied for extended day grants – a \$10,000 grant. Attendance is strongly encouraged and a place to get homework done is available. Twenty two students within 3 days. Some students come every day.

They will re-write the grant – and make it mandatory for students with 2 "F"'s and keep it open to all. High School tutors will be in this program next year in all subjects. ('08-'09). Any student with academic concerns with at least 1 or 2 "F"'s may be required to attend extended day.

The Council discussed FY '09 budget. MMS staffing was discussed. 1 SPED teacher is gone. 2 instead of 3 SPED teachers.

There will be one foreign language teacher (one less foreign lang. teacher) who is certified in French so she could teach 80% French and 20% Spanish. Will need to look at needs of students.

- How does all this get communicated. Needs to be communicated to incoming 7th grade families.
- Want to be able to offer Spanish and French.
- Trend is mostly Spanish.
- Only 8th grade will be offered a foreign language
- The 8th grade curriculum is aligned with 9th grade curriculum.

The Technology math position has been eliminated.

Scheduling – extra Math and English for some students

Four rotation day

4 sections – not 5 – may increase class size.

8th grade will have 5 teachers – Math, Science, Social Studies, English, and Foreign Language.

Need to explain it to parents.

There will be one reading teacher.

No attendance counselor

School Psychologist - .75 time.... Share with high school

Librarian – total of 1.75 in district. 1.0 at high school, .75 split between Jacobs and Memorial.

There will be a K – 8 adjustment counselor

The Council discussed concerns:

- No world language in 7th grade.
- Communication of new schedules
- No technology at the MMS although there is computer tech at Jacobs.
- Science and Tech MCAS is a concern.
- Revisit vision
- District wide – what is our focus? Reactive vs. proactive
- What is the reporting structure for split personnel?

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