

Newton Public Schools
HORACE MANN SCHOOL COUNCIL

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF Wednesday, October 19th, 2011
Library 7:45 P.M.

I. Call to Order & Opportunity for Members of the Public to Speak

(This time will regularly be set aside at Council meetings. The Council's role will be to listen; it is not intended as a time for dialogue.)

II. Greetings

Anne Baseggio
Robert Daly
Julie Minkin
Maureen Berardi
Mark Nardelli

Nancy Hamill
Millicent Lawton
Diane Erba
Susan Tuozzolo
Jenn Conley

III. New Business

a. Review Meeting Dates for 2011-2012

12/7 Wed 7 pm
1/24 Tues 7:45 am
3/14 Wed 7 pm
5/8 Tues 7:45 am
6/6 Wed 7pm

b. Mark's Update

- i. Modular installation is set to begin-foundation will be poured first, then the crew will return to install the modular. Everything is being done to avoid destroying the Butterfly Garden
- ii. 4th grade class size-Oldmixon-Current enrollment is 28 students. Two instructors are present all day. Additional support staff offer their services at various points during the week. There is small group instruction in math as well as guided reading. ELL, special ed, Title 1, and the literacy specialist are all working with students in this class. Mark will host a meeting in December to discuss upcoming plans for this class after the modular is installed and room 126 becomes available.
- iii. Lunch program-frustration around communication with Whitson's and with follow through when there are issues (with timely delivery of food, etc.)

c. Brainstorm agenda for year

- i. Continue with parent outreach initiative
- ii. Review school improvement plan
- iii. Establish a parent/teacher HM facilities committee to act as a voice for future changes that will undoubtedly be necessary. Goal will be to advocate at the city level for additional teaching and learning space.

d. Review notes re: Literacy Night from May 4th Meeting

- i. Literacy night will be for families in K-2: Title 1 event
- ii. Pizza in the gym, parents rotate through 3 classroom workshops to learn more about how to help children at home with reading
- iii. January 12th or January 19th as a possible date for this event