

Horace Mann School
School Council Meetings
Minutes
11/17/10
7:45am

I. No public present to speak

II. Present:

Susan Tuozzolo - New Member welcome
Mark Nardelli
Julie Minkin
Millicent Lawton
Nancy Hamill
Robert Daley
Louise Martin
Maureen Berardi
Diane Erba

III. New Business

a. Wednesday morning times/dates were changed to Tuesday mornings due to member's schedules.

November 17, 2010, 7:45a.m.
January 18, 2010, 7:45a.m.
February 16, 2011, 7:00p.m.
March 15, 2011, 7:45a.m.
May 4, 2011, 7p.m.
June 7, 2011, 7:45a.m.

b. School Improvement Plan

2009-2011

Review and input – lots of items in the plan, many of which are under way already. We will look at this document more closely. Included was a discussion about the big ideas in the plan, rather than the specific tasks that are in place.

c. Engage and help with Home – School Connection

morning and evening - targeting informational sessions
Parents will bring the voice of their needs and concerns
Start meeting with comments, questions and/or on-going happenings and issues

Behavior management – common language, expectations and consequences. In December we will review, obtain student input allowing them to weigh in and help develop the expectations around this including bullying. We are working towards using a common language and program. It will be presented to students at an assembly. It will be a 3 tier plan.

Consolidate professional development and teacher time at the district level

RTI/PLC – District-wide committee working on this now. Once we have more clarity, Mark will put out on list serve and NewsNotes

MCAS – Morning tutorial sessions will start after the New Year until the test takes place. These are designed for students who performed in the Needs Improvement and Warning Categories.

There is a parent group representing Horace Mann on issues of space and class size. We are planning for a modular 2011-2112 school year if the numbers play out in that favor.

Communication - Between Home and School continues to be a challenge. How do we do this successfully?