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School Council Meeting September 26, 2007

Members Present: Jeff Szymaniak Jodi Correia
Linda Kenrick Mary Schmeer
Tina Reed Elaine Peckham
Michelle Kinahan Karen Pennington-Davis

Donna Cotter – audience member

Members Absent: Christine Tartaglia
Bob Sullivan

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:32 pm, Mr. Szymaniak called the School Council meeting to order.

DEFINITION OF COUNCIL

Mr. Szymaniak reviewed the responsibilities of the School Council.

SUPPORT POSITIONS

Motion made by Mrs. Schmeer to appoint Mrs. Reed as the Co-Chair. Seconded by Mrs. Peckham. **Vote: Unanimous**

Motion made Mr. Szymaniak to appoint Mrs. Correia as the Scribe. Seconded by Mrs. Reed.
Vote: Unanimous

READING ITEMS

Mr. Szymaniak reviewed the mission statement and the academic expectations. Please review for the next meeting. Students will be graded on the expectations. This will be evident on the report cards. Students need to understand what they are being graded on.

REVIEW OF CURRENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Szymaniak reviewed the 2007-2008 Improvement Plan. Goals will be created at the next Council meeting. The expectation is improve student learning.

Mr. Szymaniak addressed some changes in the handbook, i.e. parking spaces, use of electronic devices. The School Council is able to suggest policies, but the School Committee approves them. The School Committee voted down the Saturday detention plans for safety reasons.

Mrs. Kinahan inquired about new clubs/activities. Mr. Szymaniak named the various clubs: Chess Club, Diversity Club, and Drama Club. Key Club. There has been some interest in starting an Ultimate Frisbee Club. As far as sports, there has been some interest in starting lacrosse team, a volleyball team and winter track. The powder puff game will be held again this year in November versus the spring. A SADD Chapter will be forming. Mr. Despier will be attending a meeting with Officer Thaxter to get the particulars on starting this.

Mr. Szymaniak spoke about NEASC and explained the self-study process. The seven standards of NEASC are:

Mission and Expectation for Student Learning
Curriculum
Instruction
Assessment of Student Learning
Leadership and Organization
School Resources
Community Resources for Learning

PRINCIPALS UPDATE

- ❖ Opening of school went well. Mr. Szymaniak met with all the classes the first day of school.
- ❖ Students are aware of the changes in the handbooks.
- ❖ Mr. Szymaniak will propose senior privileges begin in November.
- ❖ New staff has been hired and the half-year classes are going well. Content in the half-year classes has been modified.
- ❖ Senior internships have been scheduled. Mr. Szymaniak will look at scheduling students around power block and lunch so they can stay on the job longer.
- ❖ Coffee hours with the Principal will continue.
- ❖ The MSHS will be getting a new phone system.
- ❖ Mr. Szymaniak explained the feasibility study and is looking for volunteers to participate in the study.
- ❖ Homecoming weekend is this Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th. Friday night is the football game with a tribute to Jose Gurley. Saturday night is the homecoming dance.
- ❖ Mr. Szymaniak meets with Officer Thaxter on a weekly basis. Students are used to seeing Officer Thaxter in the building.
- ❖ The September newsletter is out. Picture day is October 5th.

2007-2008 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES

October 24th at 5:30 pm *Note Start Time*
November 28th
December 19th (?) tentative
January 23rd
February 27th
March 26th
April 30th

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 pm, Mrs. Kenrick motioned to adjourn the School Council meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Peckham. *Vote: Unanimous*

The Mission of West Bridgewater Middle-Senior High School is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

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