

**Concord Middle School
School Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday October 15, 2015**

Members Present: Lynne Beattie, Drew Rosenshine, Wendy Pfaffenbach, Peter Daly, Sharon Moss, Lori Jackson, Yuval Erlich, Joyce Chutchian

Members Absent:

Present: Cindy Larsen

Meeting is being recorded. The meeting convened at 6:04 p.m.

Introductions and review of SAC handbook

Members received their SAC Informational binders and reviewed the contents.

Members reviewed: Contact information, Meeting dates, SAC functions

Members will need to review: Ethics Law and complete a training online and the Open Meeting Law.

Review of SIP and focus initiatives

CMS Schedules - Kristen Hebert will run the scheduling committee while Lynne is on leave.

Anne Cline-Scott will visit other districts on how they balance academics.

Drew will lead the space committee investigating if the reconfiguration will work for both buildings. 6x6 gives us longer blocks. 85% want to look at ways to have core subjects everyday.

Building Configuration - There will be a parent forum in January. This will be a school committee decision.

Initiative

Homework

We left off in the spring working on the Pilot on a Homework Free House. This pilot would work for some students and certain subjects. Reducing homework could complicate things in a different way, for example: restructuring curriculum and classrooms. The council voted unanimously to continue to pursue researching for a homework free house or alternatives to what we have now as this years initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved on Thursday, November 19, 2015

Submitted by Cindy Larsen