

**Concord Middle School
School Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday January 21, 2016**

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

Members Absent: Wendy Pfaffenbach

Present: Cindy Larsen

Meeting is being recorded. The meeting convened at 6:06 p.m.

Review minutes from last meeting

The December 17th Minutes were reviewed and approved by members.

Configuration Committee Update

The School Committee presentation went well and people were pleased. CMS staff members were there to share their thoughts on what was pertinent to them. Lynne and Drew meet with Kelly Hagan, the consultant and she is handing it off at this point. We need to work on the large enrollment coming up next year and over the next 3 years. Overall it should work.

Homework Initiative Discussion

Grant to work with Challenge Success: Two CCHS teachers are working on refining the grant approval process to include the middle school for a 6-12 Challenge Success grant. There are a few different levels and we need to choose a level that will work for us. Also looking into having motivational speakers come in to talk during the January PD day.

Develop vision to guide CMS homework committee: Statement will be shared with CMS staff -

The School Advisory Committee continues to focus on further exploration of homework, because the community is split regarding the value educationally and the impact on students well being. Questions that remain relate to preparedness, workload, purpose and what needs to be included for teachers to ensure that homework assists in their meeting the standards.

Staff will be informed about Challenge Success and CMS will purchase copies of the book - Overloaded and Underprepared: Strategies for Stronger Schools and Healthy, Successful Kids.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Larsen

Approved February 25, 2016