

**Concord Middle School
School Advisory Council Minutes
Thursday - January**

Members Present: Drew Rosenshine, Wendy Pfaffenbach, Lori Jackson, Nikki Yuskowski, Yuval Erlich, Brendon Egan, Linda Ricci Schubnel

Present: Cindy Larsen

Meeting is being recorded. The meeting convened at 7:05 a.m.

Review minutes from last meeting

The December Minutes were approved by members.

Review of SIP and focus initiatives

Drew is in the process of preparing the midyear report, which will be presented at School Committee on February 14th. In our progress towards academic achievement we are looking for growth. One of our markers is to have an 80% average in academic average. Our first term report cards reached this goal.

We are beginning to do next years schedule. A survey was done by the staff about the current schedules strengths and weaknesses. Overall the teachers like the schedule and it will stay the same for next year.

The Advisory Group spoke at the faculty meeting, and staff are positive. There are concerns that it will add to teacher duties and the comfort level of the person running the group. We would choose a curriculum and give staff the support, training and tools to design a plan.

The Challenge Success survey target date is March 4th. We are working on funding the price. The PTG is fundraising to help fund Challenge Success.

School Climate

SAC members received a copy of the guide, Responding to Hate and Bias at School, which can be found online at - <http://www.tolerance.org/publication/responding-hate-and-bias-school>. We are planning to use this as a resource in responding to hate incidents / hate speech. CMS currently responds to hate incidents under the harassment/bullying policy. Our house huddle today is speaking about historic movement and civil rights, and the work ahead of us as a school and community. We need to work on this throughout the year. This way kids can connect in real ways to the work that we have to do to build a better community, all the time.

Begin Handbook review

Members were asked to review the handbook and suggest any changes at the next meeting.

Citizens / Additional Comments

SAC members were invited to the CCHS Challenge Success presentation, on January 24, from 8am to 11am, and the public presentation at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Submitted by Cindy Larsen