

Bishop School Advisory Council

January 10, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Present:

Mark McAneny, Principal
Jeanne Wall, Teacher
Merissa Bresler, Teacher
Lisa Simon, Parent
Dorothy Commons, Parent
Heather Hewitt, Parent

December Meeting Minutes were approved.

No Public Participation

School Committee Presentation Update – The principals reviewed the School Improvement Plans and voiced needs in schools. Common themes were the need for:

- A full-time Social Worker at each school
- Full-time Assistant Superintendent – the school committee voted to start the process of finding a full-time assistant superintendent

Parent Handbook

- Needs to be updated and posted on the school website (some of it is already there)
- One handbook will be printed for each family
- Dorothy volunteered to begin the handbook revisions

Principal's Coffee

- Mark will host the first Principal's Coffee on Wednesday, January 11 at 8:30am. Future Principal's Coffees will be scheduled a couple of times during the year.

Mid-Year assessments

- Literacy assessments and writing prompts are taking place in the next couple of weeks.
- Data Review Meetings will be scheduled following the completion of these assessments.

Cold Weather Guidelines

- Notification went out in Mark's recent weekly Principal Update. At 20 degrees or below students will remain inside for arrival, recess, and dismissal.

Bullying Prevention Program, Jan. 12

- Deanna's Educational Theater will be at Bishop on Thursday, January 12
- Pre-education is taking place in all of the classrooms to build language and vocabulary before the assembly, and to help students understand what bullying is and isn't

Next Steps (around bullying prevention)

- Spirit Week
- Working with MARC (more research about their availability and costs will be pursued) – possible ideas include:
 - Parent Education
 - Faculty in-service sessions
 - Training lunch monitors

SAC Moving Forward (Future Items)

- Review of Parent Handbook
- Looking at "Parent Experts" – identify Bishop Parents who have particular areas of expertise to be resources
- Discussion of bringing back the World Fair
- Next SAC Meeting scheduled for February 7