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“Work hard. Respect others. Follow the Golden Rule.”

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SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA WITH MINUTES November 12, 2015

I. Welcome, Sign-In, Introductions

Present: Eliana Runyon, Mary Beth Curley, Lauren Robichaud, Ms. Muxie, Ms. Hennessey, Ms. Amico, Mr. Eddy

Absent: Rosaria Encarnacion,

II. Information/Discussion Regarding Some 2014-15 Agenda Items

a) Spring Open House and Gallery Walk (Student and Adult)

Our Spring Open House this year will focus on Higher Order Thinking Skills games and activities. We are also considering a Gallery Walk to display student and parent art work.

b) Aborn Directory

We got a good response for our Family Directory slips which will continue to be collected through tomorrow. We hope to have the Directory out within the next month.

c) Aborn Honor Roll

Ms. Muxie will be going to the Grades 4&5 classes to describe the Honor Roll which we will be starting this year. Focus will be on Grades 4&5 ONLY.

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We will display the names of students receiving this distinction up in the Computer Lab since it is a space that is heavily utilized by all. We discussed location briefly and decided on the wall leading into the Library’s Book Nook.

d) Aborn Uniform Update

Over the summer, Ms. Muxie contacted Adriana Tringale of the Garfield School in Revere to see how they implemented a mandatory uniform in their school. She relayed the process to Ms. Muxie and stated that in order for them to really be able to make it mandatory, they had to have the support of the Superintendent. Ms. Muxie contacted the Superintendent and will reconnect with her again in December or January to see if we can elicit her support, since at the time of original contact, Dr. Latham felt there were other priorities that needed her commitment. Adriana Tringale sent Ms. Muxie the flyers and order forms her school used when

communicating with parents. In the meantime, we will begin to re-institute Spirit Fridays to encourage students to wear the Spirit Wear they purchased last year and in previous years.

III. School Improvement Plan for 2015-16 2 High Priority Focus Areas

Ms. Muxie explained that the district's school improvement plan template has changed slightly to more closely align with the Eight Indicators of Effective Schools.

Our 2 high priority areas for this year are:

- 1) Developing higher order thinking skills in all students
- 2) Creating standards-based lesson plans aligned with vertical articulation charts and essential standards/ /critical areas at each grade level in ELA and Math.

IV. Continued GE Renovations

GE is currently painting both the boys' and girls' bathrooms. They have also agreed to install additional shelving in the PTO storage room. We hope to have this work completed by the end of the first week in December.

V. Fitness Walk 2015

For the purpose of purchasing some Field Day equipment which we can house at our own building, we will have a Fitness Walk on the Early Release Day before Thanksgiving. (We currently borrow equipment from Breed Middle School.) A minimum donation of \$10.00 will be requested. Any leftover funds will be used to purchase playground equipment for students to use at recess. We discussed having our four-square and hop-scotch templates repainted. Ms. Muxie will ask GE if they can help us out with that project at a date in the near future.

VI. Other Topics Proposed by Membership for Current or Future Discussion/Public Participation

The replacement of the perimeter fence still needs to be accomplished. The fence is rusty and unsafe. Ms. Muxie has already contacted Dick Connick and Mark Raftery multiple times regarding this issue. She has also gotten an estimate from a parent who will do the labor for free and sent the estimate to Dick and Mark. She has not yet heard back from them and will contact them again next week.

VII. Future Meeting Dates

February 25th

May 19th