

## MINUTES

Thurgood Marshall Middle School

School Council

January 12, 2016

Parents: Dawn Perry, Tara Porter, Jessica Gerado, Margot Abels

Faculty: Molly Cohen, Principal; Christopher Cole, Carleen French, Maureen Walker

Community Members: Robin Kimber and Elizabeth Cohen

Absent: Luke Maus, Faculty member and Robin Kimber and Elizabeth Cohen, Community Members

The Norms of Collaboration were reviewed and accepted with a focus on “Putting Ideas on the Table” on topics that are school level decisions.

Ms. Cohen announced that per the District, we will be administering the PARCC test this Spring for both Math and ELA. The Science test will remain MCAS. The testing window is April 25<sup>th</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup> however, due to the “Move” we will be administering the test later rather than sooner. The PARCC test differs from MCAS because it is a timed test with extended time only allowed for those students on IEP’s or 504’s with the appropriate accommodation. The teachers will be working on testing skills to help orient the students to the new test. Taking the PARCC will allow our district to be “held harmless” which means that a level 3 school will remain at the same level or improve only. Ms. Cohen will schedule a Parent Information Night, possibly in late February, to explain the testing and the impending move to our parents. There will also be information available on both of the school websites ([tmmslynn.com](http://tmmslynn.com) and [lynschools.org](http://lynschools.org)).

The Move: April 18<sup>th</sup> will be our last day at 19 Porter Street. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the staff and students will report to 100 Brookline Street. In the few weeks prior to April vacation, the students and staff will participate in walking field trips to the new school to become acquainted with the building – touring classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium, bathrooms, administrative offices, etc.

There were some concerns voiced about parking at the new location as well as snow removal and traffic flow. Suggestions were made on issues such as the MBTA route, possibly blinking

lights, making streets one way for certain hours, and blinking lights. Ms. Cohen will be meeting with the building committee and voice the concerns.

It was suggested that we could “bury” a Time Capsule” at the new location. This discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 10th at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Cohen will send out both the agenda and a reminder prior to the meeting.