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Shoemaker school council

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minutes

Attendance:

Phyllis O'Brien	Present	Kelly Papageorgiou	Present
Linda Roach	Absent	Maureen Mitchell	Present
Pat Riley	Present	Jen MacKinnon	Present
Guy Robinson	Present		

1· Massachusetts framework/common core

- Writing
- Higher level thinking
- Increased text complexity

The MCAS will be replaced by PARCC in 2015. This year the Grade 4 Composition (long write) will be focused on Fiction, Nonfiction, and/or opinion. The new Massachusetts Framework has a strong emphasis on higher order thinking. Students need to be able to explain verbally and in writing. In Math students need to be able to show a “Visual Representation” of their understanding. In all grades text complexity has become important. In some instances a text that has been traditionally a specific grade level has been moved to the next lower grade.

2· District winter assessments : trends and patterns

- DIBELS
- CBM MAZE
- Math

We have just completed our Winter Benchmark Assessments. In DIBELS and MAZE we have shown growth since the Fall Benchmarks. We are above the state range in all grades. Teachers will be meeting on Friday to discuss results and plan instruction for students that target any areas of weakness. The Math Assessment has been administered and we will get results shortly.

3. *Issues/ concerns/additional items*

Members brought up the following questions/concerns:

- **How much computer time do students have? Grade 2-5 spend 30 minutes minimally using Study Island for Reading and Math. Students may also access this site from home. In addition each General Ed classroom has a SmartBoard which all teachers are using in their lessons.**
- **Parents asked why recess was changed from after lunch to before lunch. Ideally teachers will take students out a few minutes before the lunch aides start to get students started in an activity. This is especially for those students who do not know how to join an activity. It has also reduced the number of students who get an upset stomach from running around right after eating. Students are more settled upon returning to class after lunch.**
- **There is interest in scheduling a session for parents on Internet Safety. Mrs Riley will contact Mike Geary and/or the DA's office. (note: 2/14 Mr. Geary will schedule a session that he presents with Officer Ferrari. They use materials provided by the DA's office.)**
- **Parents were interested in arranging to have a map of the United States stenciled in the yard. Mrs. Papageorgiou will obtain a sketch of the map, dimensions, and explore the possibility of an Eagle Scout candidate that would do this as his project. We need to determine where it would go in the yard in terms of available space.**
- **STEM fair is March 12. Students will have the option of going to any classroom. We will post a sign outside each door labeling the activity. PTO is making arrangements for the Ice Cream Social. The office will send home notices.**

4. *Next meeting: April 24, 2013 @ 2:30*

- **Action Plan 2013/2014 to discuss changes for next year. We will be aligning goals to new language being used by MA DESE.**
- **If there is a need or wish to meet prior to this any member will submit agenda items to Mrs. Riley.**