

School Council
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2016

Meeting commenced at 3: 42 p.m.

- 1) What is School Council? [held off to next meeting]
 - a) Membership
 - b) Responsibilities
 - i. Advisory Role
 - ii. School Improvement Plan
 - iii. Student Handbook

- 2) Meeting day
 - a) Ted can't do Thursdays so the day needs to be changed
 - b) Angie proposed Wednesdays; everyone is in agreement.
 - c) Next meeting will be the second Wednesday in November, the 9th.

- 3) Substance Abuse Prevention Policy: Homework
 - a) This policy is supposed to be in place before school starts.
 - b) We did not get the guidelines until mid-September.
 - c) We need to add verbiage to our concussion policy regarding opiates being prescribed.
 - d) A curriculum piece needs to be added regarding opioid education in at least grades 5 through 12 (although the state would prefer K-12).
 - e) The instruction would most likely go into an Advisory period.
 - f) June and Mary think it should be part of a Health class but we don't really have that.
 - g) This kind of instruction in K-4 is up to Ted to decide on.
 - h) The state wants us to talk about peer pressure and social/emotional impact.
 - i) They also want us to screen students using a verbal screening tool to identify those students who are at high risk for opioid addiction.
 - j) A screening has been done on Level IV for emotional issues (depression, suicide, etc.)
 - k) We do have students who have recently been very much affected by drug abuse, but we need to talk to students through someone with expertise on the subject.
 - l) Angie handed out the substance abuse policy from Canton for all to read.
 - m) Ted and Angie agreed that School Council is a good forum to discuss our own policy and how it should look.
 - n) Angie passed out guidelines from the state for making our policy.
 - o) Discussion about educating the students needs to happen soon since we're already overdue to have the policy in place.
 - p) Angie would like the Council members to come up with ideas about objectives and programs we can use.
 - q) Angie will send the Council members a link to a website with resources.
 - r) Mary will contact a friend who works with alcohol abuse in students.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07p.m.

Attending:

Absent:

Angie Pepin

Ellen Gray

Mary Carter

June Fontaine