

Peirce School Council Minutes
November 18, 2010
Submitted by Martha Mitchell

Members in attendance: Mark Chitty, Susan McMurray, Archana Szpak, Ashley Bodkins, Martha Mitchell

Minutes from the October 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Archana Szpak motioned to approve, Susan McMurray seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Intervention Blocks

Ashley Bodkins spoke about the third grade's intervention time. Mark Chitty commented that Peirce is ahead other schools within the district. There was discussion of assessments, and what was used for assessments. There were questions regarding consistency by grade levels and sharing experiences with other schools. Susan McMurray brought up the possibility of sharing information about the intervention blocks at an upcoming parent coffee.

Student Council

Mark Chitty spoke of his plans to implement a student council. This would be a student leadership opportunity for students in grades 3-5. Students would play a role in monthly Town Meetings, school wide spirit days, and have social action opportunities. Planning on implementing it in January. There will be bi-monthly before school meetings. Questions were raised regarding the choosing of one boy and one girl from each class – it was agreed that there should be just two student representatives from each class, not gender specific. The school council will be brought to the faculty at the next staff meeting.

Out of District Placement Policy Draft

Archana Szpak spoke of concerns that this is not a draft. Concerns are with the buffer zone and short term space issues and possible redistricting. Concerns are also had with the middle and high school.

Other Matters

Discussion was had regarding plans for the Fifth grade regarding MCAS.

- Currently responding with intervention.
- Boy vs, Girl performance – 30% difference.
- Looking at cohort's performance over the years.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is schedule for January 13, 2011