

Peirce School Council Minutes
January 13, 2011
Submitted by Joanne Malouf

Members in attendance: Mark Chitty, Archana Szpak, Laurie Palepu, Martha Mitchell, Susan McMurry, Ashley Bodkins, Joanne Malouf

Minutes from the November 18, 2010 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Student Council

Each class, grades 3-5, will elect two representatives to serve on the Student Council. Elections will take place on January 14. The first meeting will take place Friday morning, January 21. Superintendent David Fleischman is scheduled to be at Peirce on January 21 and the plan is to have him attend the first meeting of the Student Council. Concerns about the election of officers were discussed. There are still two weeks to finalize the voting process to elect officers. Those not elected as an officer will still have a leadership role by default in their participation during Town Meetings. The Student Council's first task will be taking a poll about which movie to show at the Family Movie Night. The council members will report to their class and their buddy classes. Members will also read a note from the Food Pantry during Town Meeting.

Intervention Blocks

There will be a parent coffee on January 14 to share information about intervention blocks. More information will be put in the Peirce Link as well. Staff will have time at each remaining staff meeting to work in their study groups.

Progress Reports

Reports will be sent home January 31. There are no changes in the process. Susan McMurry suggested it would be helpful to have information about how to talk to your child about the progress reports. Mark Chitty will put something in the next Peirce Link.

Anti-bullying Programs

The Peirce staff will be hearing a speaker from Bridgewater State. An anti-bullying plan for the school/system has been submitted. Open Circle is used in grades K-2 and Steps to Respect is used in grades 3-5. A link to information on Steps to Respect will be put in the Peirce Link.

Other Business

Math logs were discussed as a way to help kids learn math facts. This would be used similarly to the reading logs. Math logs are coming in first grade February 1. Finding the right balance and amount of math facts is the concern as this has been optional in the past.

Next Meeting Date

The next School Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2011.