

Minutes for
HES School Council Meeting
9/13/11
3:30 – 5:00

Meeting was called to order

Introductions

-Open meeting: a few issues were brought up- parents had made note that kids were disappointed that announcements were canceled. Suggestion that there be some other special responsibilities/freedoms for fifth graders

-Meeting norms: SC adopted the same ones the school/staff has adopted.

-School Update:

--New Birthday Plan: clarification was made that it is only for birthdays and Holiday celebrations will still go on as usual

--Playground Update: a safety agreement was developed and agreed upon by staff and children. This agreement has been communicated to children and staff and will be posted at the Playground.

--Building Security- discussion: Concern: too much free access into building during the school day. Plans are in the works for a new buzzer system for front entrance

--World Language program: we as a council are responsible for generating a plan to spend the 20K allocated by the School Committee. Scheduling is one issue.

Brainstorming

--Technology Plan: Gretchen Henry provided an update. A committee is in place and the Council has R. Cullinane as a representative.

--Pick up Drop off: concern that the change in start time needs to be clearly communicated to parents and school needs to be open at 8:30

--PTO: in need of volunteers to take on leadership positions. We will try to communicate this need to the community.

--School Climate Survey results discussion held over to next meeting

--Co-Chair election- Deb Barton and Mary Traphagen agreed to and were elected to co-chair the council along with Linda.