

Middletown High School Site Council

April 24, 2008
1 Hour, 30 Minutes (2:30-4:00pm)
MHS Room 212



Meeting called by: Carmela Geer

Type of meeting:
Full Council Meeting

Facilitator: Carmela Geer/ Sue Daughan

Note taker: Megan

Timekeeper: Sue Daughan

Attendees: See Sign In Sheet

Please read: Letter Regarding Board of
Regents Graduation Requirements
Please bring: Site Council Binder

Agenda

Agenda Review	Carmela Geer	3 min
Review of Minutes	Megan	7 Min
Homework Policy Submission	Laura Yentsch	3 min
Voting Policy for Council	Sue Daughan	7min
Eligibility Policy	Carmela Geer	15 mi
One Book/One School Item	Laura Yentsch	15 m
Board of Regents Graduation Requirements	Carmela Geer	15 m
Roll Out Plan for Site Council Decisions	Carmela Geer	15 m
Summary	Carmela Geer	5 min

Additional Information

Special notes: Council Chair will submit attendance records to Central Office after completion of last meeting.

Review of Minutes			Megan Daughan			7 Min		
Discussion:								
Motion to accept minutes by Jazmin Seconded by Chris Savastano.								
Conclusions:								
Motion passed.								
Action items:			Person responsible:			Deadline:		

Homework Policy Submission			Laura Yentsch			3 min		
Official policy was not fully listed on prior minutes; will be submitted by Laura Yentsch via email.								
Conclusions:								
Action items:			Person responsible:			Deadline:		
Each member will receive an electronic and hard copy of policy before it is rolled out.			Carmela Geer			May 6, 2008		

Voting Policy for Council			Sue Daughan			7min		
<p>First meeting notes: 2/3 presence in order to vote, in order to pass a motion it will be ratified by a simple majority, votes on major issues will only be conducted on the evening meetings so as to allow teachers, students and community members the opportunity to vote. Mr. Savastano does not agree that voting should be limited to only evening meetings, and that a simple majority is not adequate for ratifying policies. Mr. Savastano motioned to have homework committee commence with voting procedure and bylaw reevaluation. Seconded by Kevin Zahm. Motion withdrawn. Mr. Savastano motions for formation of committee to review voting policy and current by-laws with the understanding that it is volunteer work on one's own time. Seconded Sue Daughan. Motion passed with Mr. Zahm opposing.</p>								
Conclusions:								
Action items:			Person responsible:			Deadline:		
Subcommittee on Maintenance on Membership Terms			Kevin Zahm Lori Call Melissa Paiva Haley Jazmine					

	Emily	
Subcommittee on Voting Procedures	Chris Savastano Sue Daughan Maria Dowler Jazmine Pat Megan John McDevitt	

Eligibility Policy Report			Carmela Geer			15 mi		
<p>Discussion: Motion made by Carmela Geer that issue of eligibility go back to committee for restructure and resubmission for next meeting of site council. Seconded by Jazmin Meriwether. Motion passed. Terry Digiovanni (MHS swim coach) attended meeting. She was surprised at how low our 1.66 policy is for eligibility. She recommends a 2.0 with no fail in core courses. Mrs. Deblois brings up the point that we have physical education requirements as well as art and music. Mr. Zahm suggests that the eligibility committee discuss what core courses are.</p>								
<p>Conclusions:</p>								
<p>The prior policy that was voted on does not count; committee will reevaluate.</p>								
Action items:			Person responsible:			Deadline:		
Eligibility Subcommittee will reconvene and resubmit recommendations.			Committee Chair			Next mtg		

One Book/One School Item			Laura Yentsch			15 m		
<p>Discussion:</p>								
<p>Laura Yentsch asked the Council to give her feedback on the idea of a One Book/One School policy for summer reading.</p>								
<p>Sue Daughan thinks that MHS students are not assigned enough reading. Meg thinks that summer reading should only be one book, and that if students need more books, they should be assigned during the school year. As the discussion continued, it was suggested that anyone else wishing to give Mrs. Yentsch feedback should see her after the meeting. The discussions lead to the idea that future Council meetings should have a tighter structure for how they conducted in a n effort to be mindful of time and the amount of work yet to be tackled. The Council decision on this subject is recorded in the Council summary</p>								
<p>Conclusions:</p>								
Action items:			Person responsible:			Deadline:		
Mrs. Yentsch will take feedback back to her team for consideration.			Mrs. Yentsch			n/a		

Board of Regents Graduation Requirements

Carmela Geer

15 m

Discussion:

Meeting at Exeter West Greenwich on Tuesday, April 29th at 6 PM regarding possibility of amendment of graduation requirements. This meeting is open to all Site Council members. This meeting is being convened by the SIT team at EWG and all SIT high school SIT teams across the state are invited to attend to discuss the implications of the Board of Regents impending changes to regulations on graduation requirements that include the implementation of a high stakes testing component.

Conclusions:

The Council would be represented at this meeting

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Council Chair will attend this meeting.

Carmela Geer

April 29,
2008

Roll Out Plan for Site Council Decisions

Carmela Geer

15 m

Discussion:

Site Council will receive approved policies first, then faculty, then parents and students, then community.

Conclusions:

Motion by Kevin Zahm to accept roll out plan. Seconded by Sue Daughan. Motion passed.

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Submit Homework Policy to the Council in hard copy and then to Mr. Ruscito to submit to the faculty.

Council Chair

May 6, 2008

Summary**Carmela Geer****5 min**Discussion:

Procedures need to be established for: voting in committee, items for discussion, agenda structure, membership, and feedback items vs. items for vote and policy decision. Brainstorm for agenda structure: committee work, consent agenda, parking lot (constituency time). Proposal: one hour for committee work, fifteen minutes for agenda consent, fifteen minutes for parking lot.

Conclusions:

Motion by Kevin Zahm to form a committee to propose membership guidelines to include attendance requirements, maintenance of membership. Seconded by Emily Motion passed. Mr. Zahm recommends that a committee forms for eligibility strategy for implementing eligibility policy. Motion by Laura Yentsch to adjourn. Second by Emily. Motion passed.

Action items:Person responsible:Deadline:

Restructure upcoming agenda.

Council Chair

May 6, 2008

Additional Information

Special notes:

Committees for voting and membership must establish a timeline for their tasks at May 6th meeting.