

# Middletown High School Site Council

## MINUTES

October 7 , 2008 (6:30-8:00pm)  
1 Hour, 30 Minutes  
MHS Room 212

Meeting called by:	Carmela Geer	Type of meeting:	Full Council Meeting
Facilitator:	Carmela Geer/ Sue Daughan	Note taker:	Student Scribes
Timekeeper:	Sue Daughan		
Attendees:	See attendance record		
Please read:			
Please bring:	Council Binder		

### Receiving the minutes

- Grading Committee is ready to place the grading policy up for a vote
- Formal vote on accepting the Cheating Policy that has been added to the vote
- Pat Fogerty motions to accept the minutes; Mrs. Eng seconds it; unanimously passed

### Agenda Review

- Next meeting will be October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. due to the elections

### Plan for Site Council Training

- Mrs. Geer discussed need to understand by-laws and parameters. District Counsel has agreed to come and talk to and train the Council. Tentatively, this session will take place at the next meeting.

### Faculty Professional Development

- 3 hours for parent-teacher conferences
- 1 hour for faculty meetings

### Subcommittee Sign Up

- Mrs. Geer proposes splitting into three subcommittees. Moves to have a grading committee, an eligibility committee, and SIT (School Improvement Team) committee
- Mr. Zahm moves to accept the cheating policy as published. Motion is held until later on during meeting. Mr. Zahm motions to create a subcommittee for handbooks when time permits. Seconded by Mr. McDevitt. Motion passed unanimously.
- Council members try to understand the process by which the new Cheating Policy came into being. There is much confusion on the role that the Council has played on this subject.
- Pat moves to accept the cheating policy as published, and Mr. Zahm seconds the motion. Mr. McDevitt thinks that we should give this school year as a trial run for the honor code before voting on

whether we accept it or not.

- Pat withdraws his motion. He motions to accept the honor code as is for this year but amending it for the upcoming school year. Mr. Steele thinks that any error should be addressed as early as possible and therefore the honor code – if it is considered flawed – should be amended immediately. Mr. McDevitt suggests we omit the last sentence of the honor code but accept it as a whole.
- Pat's original motion was seconded by Mr. Zahm. Eight are in favor, eleven are opposed.
- Motion is unanimously passed to start a subcommittee for the handbook, originally motioned by Mr. Zahm and seconded by Mr. McDevitt
- Subcommittees sign up will occur at the next meeting. There was much discussion.

#### Subcommittee Sessions

- No time for this session at this meeting

#### Subcommittee Reports

- Mrs. Eng motions to accept the document for subcommittee work. Seconded by Mrs. Daughan. Motion passed unanimously. Understood that this will be used only for subcommittees working AFTER this date.
- Mr. Zahm presents documents showing grading policy and speaks on subject.
- The differences between anchor tasks and classroom tasks are clarified by Mr. Savastano.
- Mrs. Daughan makes a motion to accept the grading policy as written minus the numbers. Discussion ensues. Pat seconds the motion to accept the grading policy as written minus the numbers. Motion passes unanimously.

#### Adjourn

- Jordan motions to adjourn. Jazmin seconds. Passed unanimously