

School Council Minutes
May 22, 2017

Present
Mark Wilson, Principal
Kathy Andrews, Teacher
Janet Our, Parent
Joy Jordan, Parent
Cheryl Mador, Parent

Unable to attend:
Cheri Armstrong, Teacher

The meeting opened with School Council members reviewing and unanimously approving the minutes from its meeting on April 10, 2017.

The meeting continued with school council members receiving and reviewing a document that compared human resources across buildings in the areas of staffing for administration and support personnel. Here is a copy of the document, corrected to reflect a pair of minor adjustments to FTEs that were inaccurately presented in the meeting:

Main Office Staffing	MRHS (Proj Enroll 612)	CES (Proj Enroll 267)	HES (Proj Enroll 587)	MRMS (Proj Enroll 482)
Principal	1	1	1	1
Assistant Principal	2	0	1	1
Guidance Counselors	4	1	0.8	1
School Adj Counselor	0.6	0	0	0
School Psych	1	0.5	1	0.5
Team Chair	1	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total	9.6	3.0	4.3	4.0
Support Staff / Programs				
Admin Assistant – Main Office	3	1	3	2
Admin Assistant – Guidance	1	0.5	0.5	0
Academic Learning Center	1	0	0	0
Reading Teacher	0.4	1	2	0.4
Nurse	1	1	1	1
Nurse’s Assistant	1	0	0.6	0
Total	7.4	3.5	7.1	3.4
Ratio – enrollment to admin/support	36:1	41:1	51:1	65:1 <i>If we add...</i> 2.1 FTE = 51:1 4.5 FTE = 41:1 6.1 FTE = 36:1

The meeting continued with a discussion of the numbers, with a particular focus on such matters as the concerning ratio of students to guidance counsellors at MRMS (482:1). There was a strong consensus that the school administration should bring the discrepancies to the attention of the School Committee, and the School Council requested that the MRMS school budget for FY19 seek additional administrative and/or support staff.

The meeting continued with School Council hearing the potential changes for the master schedule for the fall of 2017, which must be adjusted to reflect the district’s decision to

have a later start time for MRMS. The School Council recognized the challenge this poses for households, especially the 33% of MRMS families who, when polled, requested the building open at 7:30 AM with meaningful academic programming or supervisory supports in place.

One change that will be reflected in the master schedule is moving Band and Chorus out of the school day and having those offerings available for students from 7:30 to 8:30 each morning. Another change will be lengthening class periods – at least every other day – so a greater amount of time is spent in Tier I Core Academic instruction.

The meeting continued with School Council members reviewing the final count of SHARK citizens by grade level. There were forty-two 5th grade citizens, fifty-one 6th grade citizens, and thirty-eight 7th grade citizens for a grand total of one hundred thirty-one students – one more than the previous' year's total of one hundred thirty. These students will receive a special invitation to a SHARK Citizen breakfast, which will occur at 8:15 AM on June 12 for grade 7, June 13 for grade 6, and June 14 for grade 5.

The meeting continued with School Council hearing and approving plans to reinstate National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) at MRMS, as well as supporting the school's plans to host a "Leadership Lock-in" to build formal and informal capacity for student leadership and teamwork. Both the NJHS Induction Ceremony and the Leadership Lock-in will take place on Friday evening, June 9th.

The meeting concluded with Mr. Wilson thanking the school council members for their service over the course of the year and inviting school council to attend the School Committee meeting on June 8th to hear the update on the MRMS School Improvement Plan.