

**Dudley Middle School
School Council Meeting
10/17/24**

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Role of School Council
3. Election of co-chair is Kim Legere/ Recording secretary is Samantha Gatsogiannis
4. Early Year Summary

Enrollment and class sizes

- 5th grade- 119 students
- 6th -136
- 7th-146- got an extra teacher due to class sizes
- 8th-139

Next year want to add another science teacher but have to look at budget- class sizes are good

Curriculum and state testing

- Initiative to do away with MCAS in high school only with vote on number 2
- DMS will still have to take the test – just fo graduate high school
- Accountability percentile is 32%- we are in a better position- includes attendance so we have room to grow- would like to be at 60% or more
- We are in moderate but need to be better
- State offers data but no solutions
- MCAS growth for school is in the 30's 40's but need to be better

Building and Culture

- Students are fantastic here
- Smaller class sizes/ more respectful/kinder to each other
- Responsiveness from staff has been wonderful
- Goal for the year is to reduce behavior referrals
- We need to find a way to hold them accountable for their education
- No phones this year for any grade- in locker first thing in the morning - hence less drama between students

5. Ideas/Topics for this year- Discussion

Check out outline for school year- district wide initiatives

- November meeting - invited to School Committee Meeting on a Wednesday 6:30 - will get back to us with a date
- Able to accomplish a lot of tasks by the end of the year
- School Improvement Teams - explained and divided groups within the teacher team
- One idea is to look at AI and how it affects students and teachers
- We do have a bullying rule about AI but need to think about what else we need to add to the handbook about AI
- Mike Tucker safety team- we will have 3 ALICE drills this year starting next week
- Start at 8:00-8:10 -announcement for drill in homerooms (very controlled)
- After drill - we will meet with Sgt. Poplowski and Officer Smith to debrief with questions
- Google form to teachers to ask any other questions students may have
- End at 8:40

6. Other announcements and Upcoming Events

- Halloween Dance for 7th and 8th graders on Friday
- Wolves going to Wolf Hollow this Saturday

7. Next Meeting Date—Thursday, November 21st -4pm