

**Dudley Middle School
School Council Meeting
01/16/2025**

1. In attendance- S. Gatsogiannis, Amanda White, Christina Laporte, Kim Legere, Michelle LeBlanc, Dawn Ashford, Gregg Desto, Tammy Ducharme
2. Reviewed Minutes- Motion to approve- approved
3. State of School- enrollments about the same
 - Attendance is up at 96.7%- legit excuses
 - Like to be up to 97%

Safety and Behavior

- Desto feels more comfortable with respect since last time
- Overall, kids are wonderful- kids are orderly- structure and routine is better
- Expectations are upheld and raised
- Cell phones not an issue anymore

Academics

- Kids in Dudley generally are good students - repeated message to leave their drama at the door
 - Trying to get buy in from students - it is working
 - We are working on initiatives for student academic success
 - Working on common elements for every classroom/every grade
3. School Improvement Plan-Selecting priorities - need to present to school committee in June
- Our commitment to our community
 - Needs to be something that we really want to do
 - We need to work on selecting or priorities
 - 3 categories- safe and supportive school , access to a well- rounded academic program

Some ideas

- Enrichment opportunities
- Financial literacy/ co -op with bank?
- Strengthening reading
- Get SHRHS people to come down to talk to 8th grade
- Basic life skills
- Community engagement
- Offer more opportunities to do activities/engagement
- Block party type event
- Talent/lip sync event
- Any thing the parents can watch students do/unstructured
- Field Day/Survival Day/Rome Day
- Kids put on a carnival for parents - kids organize it
- Community engagement once a month
- Communicating to parents about how students can get into Spanish, Algebra, NJHS
- REMIND app?

Next meeting is in March- need to look at the Middle School Handbook by then - make changes if necessary.