

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

November 11, 2014

3:30 - 5:00

### In Attendance:

Jackie Mendonsa, Renee Richard, Jennifer Swender, MaryAnne Antonellis,  
Debbie Lee, Ann Shea

### Minutes:

1. The meeting began with Jackie acknowledging the wonderful breakfast and lunch programs at SES. The Council discussed the dedication of Chef Gail and the healthy, quality foods that she provides on a daily basis. We acknowledged that the portions were excellent and her consideration of food allergies and gluten free options were consistent. Her generosity, kindness and respect was also noted.
2. Jackie provided an update on the Safety Committee and disclosed that they decided the front door should remain locked at arrival and dismissal. The Safety Committee agreed that these were very vulnerable times of the day. She explained that the doors will need to be unlocked after 4:00 so that parents could enter the building to pick up children at the After School Program beyond 4:00. As there is no one in the office after 4:00, this was the only option.
3. Jackie talked about the daily pick-up at the end of the school day for students that do not take the school bus. She suggested that pick-ups will most likely be moved to the library to alleviate chaos in the front hall and create structure.
4. We discussed the school's electronics policy and how it needs to be expanded to address personal devices on a field trips, the buses and recess. Further discussion around the policy will occur in upcoming school council meetings and the policy will be written by the school committee. We discussed the current JICJ policy for mobile electronic devices and how personal electronic devices in school situations must be regulated to assure that the use or presence of such devices does not disrupt or interfere with educational process or school operations, or impair the safety, welfare and privacy of students and staff.
5. Jackie explained MCAS data and we had a comprehensive look at our numbers. We agreed that we need to consider our small population and how one student score can skew results.

Emails later confirmed we will meet again in January.