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Elementary School Improvement Team
Minutes
September 15, 2010

Present: Tom Virgadamo, Christine Comerford, Maggie Davis, Julia Sniffen, Catherine Platt, Mary Bates

The minutes were reviewed, revised and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. American Education Week: A new name, Celebration of Learning, has been proposed. At some point throughout the year, grade levels will create a day when parents will be invited to the classroom. Teachers may schedule the event around a special area being taught.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Members for 2010-2011 Committee: All members of the 2009-2010 E-SIT committee have returned this year. Lauren Hocker, currently on maternity leave, will be back in January of 2011. Mary Bates will continue to take meeting minutes. Meeting dates for 2010-2011 have been reviewed and accepted.
2. Goals for 2010-2011: The committee revisited its goals. A date will be chosen for a joint meeting with the Elementary and Middle School Improvement Teams.
3. Testing/Cut Scores: After the 2009-2010 tests had been administered to students, the State made changes to the scoring of ELA and Math tests for 3rd-5th grades, raising the minimum standard from 650 to 662 for ELA, and 684 for Math. As a result, some students performing at the 3 and 4 level in previous years, scored lower this year. This discrepancy does not necessarily reflect a significant change in performance from 2008. Co-hort groups are being monitored, and growth has been shown year-by-year. The test results are being analyzed carefully as the district responds to meeting levels of proficiency.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 20, 8:00am in the Elementary Library