

**Pierce School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2011, 6pm**

In Attendance: Pipier Smith-Mumford, Ginny Carroll, Carin Aquiline, Amie Buchman, Melanee Alexander, Chandlee Dickey, Nancy Springer, Lisa Goldblatt Grace, Karen Sutton

December 9 Council Meeting minutes were approved with minor edits. Both November and December minutes will be posted on the Pierce School website.

**Principal's Forum, Feb. 9, Grades 2-3**

A discussion regarding the topic and theme of the upcoming Principal's forum was held. A number of topics were discussed as well as the benefit of this specific age group: parents are still very much involved, peer groups are developing or have developed, as well as a greater self-awareness are all terrific aspects of grades 2 and 3 children. It was decided that the formats of previous Principal's forums are most successful and that this forum would also have a panel followed by a Q & A. It was also mentioned that this is a wonderful opportunity for teachers and specialists to meet and discuss with parents, outside of the classroom. Mary Kate Little, Child and Adolescent Therapist at Brookline Community Mental Health Center will be presenting.

The discussion continued with the theme centering on building positive friendships and how parents and teachers can support our children together. Age-appropriate social interactions, out-lying behavior that can be sometimes seen by teachers and how that is handled, as well as describing the best home-school partnerships during 2-3 grades.

**Sexual Health Curriculum for grades 4-5**

Last year's Parent Night was discussed. All agreed that it was a great success. And it was suggested that Pierce do the same for this year for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents. It was also recommended that parents of grades 4 and 6 be included in the Parent Night. It was recommended that some time after the April break might be a good date for this next Parent Night.

**Parent Survey**

A brief discussion regarding the upcoming parent survey was held. The survey serves as a good source of information in framing the Pierce School Improvement Plan.

**Ideas around posting "Honor Roll"**

The Principal talked about how the posting of the honor roll came about, when, how long, etc. Parents will have an opportunity to weigh in on the discussion of the Honor Roll with the upcoming Parent survey.

**Council Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.**