

James Clark School Improvement Council

Meeting Minutes

October 13, 2011

Shelley Russell, Principal of James Clark Elementary School, called the meeting to order. Present at the meeting were: Karen Stanton and Donna Carter (teacher representatives); Karen Carrier, Laura Fallon, Anna Johnson and Teresa Smith (parent representatives); and Shelley Russell (principal).

The September 8, 2011 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Under Old Business

The MCAS scores at James Clark School were discussed. Shelley Russell presented to the Council the actions taken to break down the MCAS results at both the 3rd and 4th grade level to analyze the strands at a state versus district level. The analysis will provide insight on how to implement practices at James Clark School to improve teaching and learning for the MCAS test.

Karen Stanton and Donna Carter created an English MCAS challenge for grades K-4 for the month of October. Students will receive 2 PBIS keys if the challenge is completed by October 31, 2011. They will be developing a Reading Comprehension & Math challenge for the month of November 2011.

Under New Business

The Budget for the School Improvement Council is currently **\$850.52**. The School Improvement Council currently funds the following line items: Reader of the Month; Science Fair prizes; 2 Math Nights and Culture Night. The PTO will determine if additional funds will be transferred to the School Improvement Council's budget once the Fall fundraising results are in.

An amendment to the School Improvement Plan, "The Action Plan, Monitoring and Evaluation for 2011-2012 Appendix for Math Goal", was reviewed and approved by the Council.

Angela Vatter of Hampden Savings Bank, Agawam branch, will be joining the School Improvement Council as our Community Representative. Karen Stanton will also contact Vermette Auto in Agawam to solicit their involvement as a Community Representative as well.

The first School Improvement Council sponsored Math Night is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 from 6:30-8 pm. It will be a Circus Theme.

The responses of the School Improvement Council Survey will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Laura Fallon raised a concern that the arrows need to be re-painted in the parking lot. It is a safety concern. A reminder of the parking lot rules/safety will be posted in the PTO newsletter.

Our next School Improvement Council meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 4:00pm – 5:00 pm in Mrs. Russell's office.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Smith, Recording Secretary