

SIAM Meeting Minutes October 27, 2009

In Attendance: Mary Cringan, Anita Cook, Mary Trostel, Cathy Dickson, Karen Baer, Jana Arbon, Susan Shanahan and Ingrid Holmes

- The minutes from the September 22, 2009 meeting were approved.
- Erica Feeney represented the Student Council. The first dance of the year, a Halloween dance, was successful. The proceeds from the dance will go towards wreaths for the Veteran's Cemetery in Winchendon. The school store is now open every Tuesday at lunch.
- A new SIAM roster was handed out. There won't be any new parents serving on SIAM. The four interested parents withdrew their names for various reasons. Cathy Dickson will continue as co-chair for the 2009-2010 year.
- The meeting time for the year was discussed. SIAM meetings will now be at 3:30 instead of 7:00 except for the January 19, 2010 meeting.
- Cathy Dickson will be the representative to the Superintendent's Advisory Council, which meets once a month. Jana Arbon will fill in when necessary.
- Results of the 2009 MCAS were distributed. Annual comparisons of different groups of students and clarification of data reported as failing were discussed.
- School committee policy requires a periodic survey, and this year one will be developed for TPS. One survey will be sent home that will meet the needs of both SIAM and the Task Force. Mary Trostel handed out a list of considerations that would be helpful when developing the TPS questionnaire. A sample parent survey from Coalition of Essential Schools was also handed out. Discussion included building questions around the mission statement, including room for comments, online versus paper surveys, and random sampling versus every family.

Additional Information:

Dawn Sulmasy will be Princeton's representative on the adhoc committee investigating ways to set up a foundation and raise money for the District given the budget crisis.

The H1N1 survey was very positive. Everything has been turned over to Princeton's Board of Health. When the vaccine is available, TPS will help get the word out and host the BOH, nurses, and volunteers.

The **next meeting** is November 24 at 3:30 PM. ^