

**Green Meadow School Council**  
**April 4, 2005 Minutes**

Present Members:

Bernadette McLaughlin, Fred Chi, Kristen Richardson, Timothy Sullivan, Nancy Messina, Shirley Defour, Priscilla Cotter, Hanne Mully,

Attending: Kieran Joshi (potential community member), Lois Cohen (guest speaker)

\* Noted that Tim Sullivan volunteered to do the minutes. As soon as he did, everyone else made note that they were 'just about to volunteer'.

Attending:

I: Minutes Review (March):

Voted as is - no changes.

II: Current Status:

1. Budget. Alas, the Budget. Potential over-ride. Impact to Green Meadow has the potential of losing 3.5 positions. Next School Committee Meeting is on April 7. Potential for over-ride is June 20.
2. Baskets on the website for the Comedy Night. 7 Tickets left.
3. Family Fun Night was a great success. Final figures are not in yet, however potential reports before expenses may turn out to be over \$1000
4. Nancy Messina went to lunch with the Superintendent. Doctor Edgar (speaker) had two key points taken.
  - a. Changes should be done at 45 minute increments.
  - b. The elementary (Green Meadow) school was doing what they should be doing, and working at it's potential (no changes should be done).  
Nancy had the Salmon, it was good.
5. The placement process will undergo a revision this summer. Non-requests will be looked at and possibly accommodated. However, requests for specific teachers must be curbed, in addition to the 'matching / non-matching' of students with others. A number of the committee members spoke about what they have seen in the past, how it works, etc.

III: EXCEL Program:

- A brief overview of the program was presented, and the different events that are presently happening, as well as future events for the vacation and summer time.
- Lois discussed the programs at Fowler school as well. There is a Scrabble Club that is very popular, and potential for national coverage if the winners move on.
- April Vacation itinerary was presented for the 2005 April Break. The Summer itinerary was released listing the topics - dates TBD.
- Volunteers for chaperones are always welcome and encouraged. Tuition for the program does not include the additional fees for trips or events.
- Kindergarten EXCEL for 2005 school year is already full. She has already had requests for 2006.

IV: Student and Staff Safety / UPDATES:

- a. Silent alarm system and motion detectors were discussed.
- b. Estimates on locks for doors, and alarm systems for the center area.
- c. Vocabulary practice and review is an ongoing training exercise.
- d. Staff on the council will make inputs for the next meeting regarding responsive classroom.

(Go Red Sox!!)