



TOWN OF NORTON

Norton Middle School SITE Council

(Committee)

MINUTES

Date: November 8, 2012 Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Norton Middle School Administrative Conference Room

Members & Staff Present: Mary Valentine, Jill Bercovitch Blake, Sharon Gauvin, Becky Albert, Gretchen Stalters, Michael O'Rourke, Ronnie Goldstein, Virginia Murray

Members Not Present: _____

The meeting was called to order at: 6:00 PM

Minutes from the October 11, 2012 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with No adjustments.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Minutes from October meeting read and approved unanimously.

Ways to Improve Math skills: Mike O'Rourke led a discussion about MCAS Math and ELA scores and differences between the two. Math will be a major focus as we shift to the Common Core Curriculum.

Suggestions made to enhance math:

- Have a "parent" or "parent/child" night, such as the 6th grade teachers recently held, so parents can understand the math curriculum.
- Bring speakers to the school on Math topics.
- Have a "Parent Math Workshop"
- Something like "Fast Math" (an extra 10-15 minutes per day) for Middle School.
- Study Island
- Fraction Nation

Other middle school issues:

- Extra Help efforts have been appreciated.
- Reading enrichment and intervention may be helping.
- Organizational issues- major concern @ middle school level.

Other: Ask High School or College students what they wished they had learned earlier (math).

Establish a link for mentoring in math (Math Honor Society)

Offer incentives to High School students such as Community Service for hours given.

ICE/RTI

Thursday after school (Math Magicians, Khan Academy)

Parents asked for teachers to develop a list of websites to work on specific math topics.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

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- **None**
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Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM until the next meeting on Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 PM at the Norton Middle School Administrative Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: 1/10/13
(Date)

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)