



# TOWN OF NORTON

## Norton Middle School SITE Council (Committee)

### MINUTES

Date: February 7, 2013 Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Norton Middle School

Members & Staff Present: Jill Bercovitch-Blake, Sharon Gauvin, Michael O'Rourke, Ron Goldstein, Ginny Murray, Deniz Savas

Members Not Present: Becky Albert

The meeting was called to order at: 6:05 PM

Minutes from the January 10, 2013 Meeting were reviewed and Approved with No adjustments.

#### *Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:*

**NELMS Visit:** Mr O'Rourke reported that it went well and he expects to hear results within a few weeks. Spotlight status would be beneficial to Norton Public Schools. Norton Public Schools could promote itself better by highlighting its 38<sup>th</sup> rating nationally, sports successes and MCAS rating also.

**Learnapalooza:** Ideas were generated for entertainment, such as the Harlem Wizards, for a repeat performance. Also, connections to Patriots players (Andre Tippett, Jim Bowman, Williams), authors Jack Gantos, Kinney (Diary of a Wimpy Kid), artist Rob Seuret (re: Einstein painting), magician, improve group, band that students identify with (One Direction impersonators) etc. Staff will defer to Eric Beard for connections to musical groups, as he seems to have an "in". Suggestions were made for contacting the Berklee School of Music or Emerson College (comedic performance program) to find new kinds of entertainment.

Location of event being considered: possible discussion with Wheaton College and Camp Finberg. Date has not been set, but is usually the week before school ends in June.

Assistance needed from the NMS Parent Board and parents re: helping on the day of the event, helping to raise money, and ideas for entertainment. Perhaps Wheaton College athletes who are required to do Community Service for their coursework would be willing to become involved.

Fundraising needed, as events are costly. Donations come from Boxtops for Education, certain dance proceeds, hat days at school, and general donations of items such as water, etc. Suggestions for specific activities at dances were to use the gym and consider a "Leap for Learnapalooza" free-throw dollar activity.

**Edline:** Parent mentioned that her child's grades were not posted at an early enough interval to be able to work with child on improvement before report cards, stating that some grades were posted on the same day as report cards. Mr. O'Rourke said that he would remind teachers about the need to post grades per the requirement between progress reports and report cards.

**List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:**

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM until the next meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 6:00 PM  
at the NMS Administrative Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: 5.9.13  
(Date)

*Signatures:*

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Chairman, M. J. [Signature]  
(committee)