



TOWN OF NORTON
NORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

(Committee)

Date: May 19, 2016 Time: 3:45 PM

Location: NMS ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

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Members & Staff Present: Vincent Hayward, Ronnie Goldstein, Kerry Reynolds,
Jill Bercovitch-Blake, Jen McPartland, Leeann LeClaire, Virginia Murray, Sheri Cohen

Members Not Present: _____.

The meeting was called to order at: 3:50 PM

Minutes from the April 14, 2016 Meetings were reviewed and approved unanimously, with no adjustments.

Welcomed new member, Sheri Cohen, Parent and School Committee Member.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

School Report: Mr. Hayward and Mr. Goldstein

1. Brief discussion of override effects.
2. Grade 7 has Google Glasses (60) from a grant. Google will use NMS as a testing site.
3. NYC trip coming up for 8th graders. A parent information night took place on May 22.
4. Transition for HAY students to NMS upcoming with a parent information night scheduled on June 14.
5. MCAS over
6. Spring Concert on May 25
7. Honors Breakfast short discussion

MCAS Action Plan/ MCAS Administration: Discussed above

Student Handbook: Principal Hayward gave out a sheet with proposed changes. Explained the rationale To parents. All agreed- reasonable.

School Improvement Plan- Have met goal. More sports added as well as more and new club offerings (robotics, photography, increased art)

Handbook Review and Update: Discussed proposed updates and changes for 2016-2017 handbook.

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting: Handout sheet with proposed handbook changes.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM until the next meeting on TBA at the Norton Middle School Administrative Conference Room.

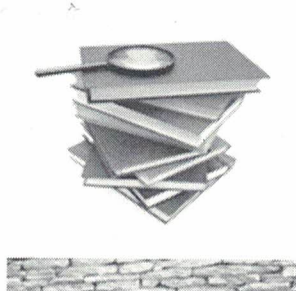
Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: Sept. 27, 2016
(Date)

Signatures:


(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)



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Norton Middle School 2016/2017 Handbook: Noteworthy additions, removals, changes and updates

ADD: Early Dismissal = Page 8

- Student use of a cell phone to contact parents for the purpose of dismissal is not permitted. Parents should discourage this practice. Repeated offenses may lead to consequences outlined in the discipline code.

Rationale: This represents an improper use of a cell phone and is not in line with established dismissal procedures of going through the nurse of main office if a situation arises that requires a student' dismissal.

ADD: Unauthorized Classroom Recordings = Page 13

- Unauthorized Classroom Recordings: Recording of the classroom-learning environment is strictly prohibited. Recording of teachers or other students without their knowledge is a violation of school rules. Recordings of classroom activities are only permitted with the knowledge and approval of the teacher. Violations may result in suspension from school and notice to law enforcement. Furthermore, the sharing and posting of unauthorized videos and images will likely result in additional penalties.

Rationale: The addition of technology is indeed enhancing the educationally experience, but with rights come responsibility. We need to protect staff and students by teaching digital citizenship and applying strong deterrents when necessary.

CHANGE: Course Offerings = Page 16

- Change course-offering grid to reflect changes to Math 7 and ELA 6 "Double block" restructuring.

REMOVE: Under "Possible offenses which may be assigned office detentions and/or in-school suspensions, but are not limited to" section: Page 28

- Recordings of any kind are not allowed. Illegal recordings may be referred to the Norton Police Department.

ADD: Under "Possible offenses which may be assigned a suspension, but are not limited to" section: Page 28

- Unauthorized recordings of any kind without teacher approval are not allowed. Illegal recordings will be referred to the Norton Police Department.

Necessary Edits Prior to Printing: Make all necessary updates related to dates and time, pages numbers referenced and edit any grammatical errors.