



# TOWN OF NORTON

## NORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES

(Committee)

Date: November 16, 2017 Time: 3:45 PM

Location: NMS ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM

Members & Staff Present: Eileen Sejkora, Vincent Hayward, Ronnie Goldstein, Peter Wiggins, Mary Murray, Holly Ferriera, Jill Berkovitch-Blake, Jen McPartland

Members Not Present: \_\_\_\_\_

The meeting was called to order at: 3:45 PM

Minutes from the October 19, 2017 Meetings were reviewed and approved unanimously, with no adjustments.

*Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:*

**School Report:** Mr. Hayward and Mr. Goldstein

1. Turkey Shoot
2. Trimester Discussion
3. Sports season- fall- successful!

**School Improvement Plan:** Review and Monitoring- Mr. Hayward

1. Handout "Lancers Lead" logo for entry way and t-shirts. Budget request being made for new printer.

Topics: Teaching and Learning

NMS Parent Survey Question Selection

- 1) Homework survey discussion (handout- survey) will be sent out the week after Thanksgiving.
- 2) Handout- NMS Parent Survey Question blank- editing with SITE Council. This survey will be sent out in 2018.
- 3) Schoolbrains discussion- Is it being used to post assignments?
- 4) Electronic Report Cards in the future

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

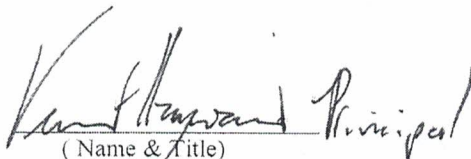
- 1) Lancers Lead logo, 2) Homework Survey, 3) Parent Survey

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM until the next meeting on TBA at 3:45PM at the Norton Middle School Administrative Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes Approved by Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Signatures:

  
(Name & Title) Principal

Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_  
(committee)

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### **Grade ## Homework Survey for Norton Middle School Parents**

The purpose of this survey is to learn more about homework practices in NMS and to find out parents opinions, beliefs and perceptions about homework. The survey results will be used by NMS administration and faculty to help better inform decision making related to homework and grading and will not be reported to participants. All surveys are anonymous. There are 18 questions. Thank you for participating in our survey. (This survey has been adapted from the book, "RETHINKING HOMEWORK")

**What do you feel is an appropriate amount of homework for your grade ## child?**

- ☐ 0-30 minutes
- ☐ 30-60 minutes
- ☐ 60-90 minutes
- ☐ 90 minutes or more

**On average, how much time does your child spend on homework on weekday evenings?**

- ☐ 0-30 minutes
- ☐ 30-60 minutes
- ☐ 60-90 minutes
- ☐ 90 minutes or more

**On average, how much time does your child spend on homework on weekends?**

- ☐ 0-30 minutes
- ☐ 30-60 minutes
- ☐ 60-90 minutes
- ☐ 90 minutes or more

**How much homework do you feel is appropriate for a student to have over the weekend or vacations?**

- ☐ No homework at all.
- ☐ 0-30 minutes
- ☐ 30-60 minutes
- ☐ 60-90 minutes
- ☐ 90 minutes or more

**How much control should parents have over the amount of homework their child has? Select all that apply.**

- ☐ I should be able to request a limit on the amount of homework.
- ☐ I should be able to request additional homework for my child.
- ☐ I should be able to excuse my child from homework when I feel it is necessary.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

**How often do you understand the value of the homework assignment to your child's learning?**

- ☐ Always understand the value.
- ☐ Often understand the value.
- ☐ Rarely understand the value.
- ☐ Never understand the value.

**How often does the homework appear to have little value?**

- ☐ Always
- ☐ Often
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

**What percentage do you think homework should count for in your child's overall grade?**

- ☐ 0 – 5 %
- ☐ 10 – 15 %
- ☐ 20 %
- ☐ 25 %
- ☐ More than 25 %



		NMS Parent Survey Question Bank
Type	Tally	
Behavior		2. Bullying is a problem at my child's school.
Behavior		3. Classroom discipline at the school is consistent.
Behavior		4. Classroom discipline at the school is fair.
Behavior		6. Discipline is enforced fairly at my child's school
Behavior		7. Drugs are a problem at this school.
Behavior		25. I understand the school rules.
Behavior		40. My child understands the school rules.
Behavior		50. My child's teacher(s) manage the classroom effectively.
Behavior		52. Order and discipline are consistently maintained at this school.
Behavior		57. Teachers or other adults address bullying issues immediately.
Behavior		66. This school helps students learn to resolve conflicts
Climate		37. My child is safe at school.
Climate		38. My child likes to go to school.
Climate		62. The school environment supports learning.
Communication		10. How often do you communicate with your child's teacher(s), whether in person, by phone, or by email, or in some other way?
Communication		11. I am aware of my child's progress or problems before progress reports are sent home.
Communication		14. I am satisfied with the response I get when I contact my child's school with questions or concerns.
Communication		18. I feel well-informed about what is going on at the school.
Communication		20. I know how my child is doing in school before I get my child's report card.
Communication		22. I regularly access School Brains
Communication		23. I talk with my child's teacher(s) about my child's schoolwork, challenges, and academic progress.
Communication		24. I talk with my child's teacher(s) about what I can do to help my child learn.
Communication		27. If I have questions or concerns, I know whom to contact.
Communication		43. My child's teacher(s) communicate grades and class performance to my child in a timely fashion.
Communication		44. My child's teacher(s) communicate with me as frequently as needed.
Communication		54. Teachers are accessible when I have a concern.
Communication		55. Teachers communicate grades and performance to their students in a timely manner.
Communication		56. Teachers communicate with parents as frequently as needed.
Communication		60. The school communicates well with me.
Extracurricular		12. I am satisfied with before-school and after-school programs and activities.
Homework		30. Homework grade is weighted
Homework		32. My child has sufficient time to complete his or her homework each night.
Homework		41. My child's school work and homework assignments are challenging.
Homework		59. The amount of homework my child receives is appropriate for his or her grade level.
Involvement		5. Collaboration and feedback are valued at this school.
Involvement		17. I feel welcome in my child's school.
Involvement		19. I have opportunities for involvement at the school.
Opinion		26. I would recommend this school to other families.
Opinion		53. Overall, I am satisfied with my child's education at this school.
Opinion		69. Please identify two areas in which the principal is performing positively.
Opinion		70. Please identify two areas in which you would like to see the principal improve.
Resources		15. I am satisfied with the technology and other instructional resources available to my child.