

MINUTES OF EDUCATION ADVISORY GROUP
2/24/11

In Attendance: Cybele Barno, Mary DiRienzo, Christina Ippolito, Anne Hartig, Jane Hill-Rosato, Sharon Miller, Kim Reber, Dawn Sullivan, Bethany Summers, Sharon Mooney

Sharon Mooney presented a power point to review the Purpose and Function of the advisory group, which is the following:

- To provide suggestions and input to address system level needs identified by the district, students, and by families.
- To provide input and feedback to the district on proposed plans.
- To provide an opportunity to enhance and strengthen collaboration in the district.
- To advise on unmet needs of children.

The key role of the group will be to gain Input on various systemic topics. The group reviewed topics that were recommended and will focus first on Homework and Bullying.

During the meeting, the group also discussed the following:

1. Reviewed the history of parent involvement and the success of the committee work done for the 5-Year Strategic Plan.
2. Clarified the function of the group and determined that how information and input is sought will depend on the topic.
3. Discussed the operational structure and will post monthly minutes on the school website, report progress to the Board of Education, advertise meetings in the school newsletter, and will keep meetings open to the public.
4. Defined membership which is made up of parents, teachers, board members and administration. Members are encouraged to invite other community members.
5. Determined goals and priorities from available suggested topics. Mrs. Mooney will contact parents for clarification and additional information for some topics.
6. Discusses resources and supports to provide information for the group.

The first focus topic will be Homework. At the next meeting, the group will look at grade level procedures for assigning homework, school policies, the detention point process, NET, the percent value assigned to homework and the guidelines for the quantity of homework assigned.

The second focus topic will be Bullying as it pertains to where incidents are likely to occur, developing more awareness for acts of bullying, strategies for victims and bystanders, school policies, lessons, and positive reinforcers for good character building.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD FROM 6:30 – 8:00 in the school library. Please let Mrs. Mooney know if you are planning to attend through her email at: mooneys@knowltonschool.com.