



**Meadow Glen Middle School
School Improvement Council
Tuesday, November 27, 2012
4:00 pm**

Minutes

Members Present:

Bill Coon	Ann Marie Green	Lara Matthews-Chair
Tara Black-Secretary	Jennifer Hamilton	Chip Payne-Vice-Chair
Suzanne English	Ann Marie Green	Rosemary Wilson

- I. Welcome and Call to Order by Dr. Coon and Lara Matthews
- II. The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.
- III. Mrs. Stephanie Walters, the Department Chair of World Languages at MGMS, presented information on Lexington School District One's World Language Initiative. One of the district's goals is for 75% of our graduates to be plurilingual, able to communicate in multiple languages. She explained that the focus for grading and instruction in World Languages is communication. The areas of communication are interpersonal (conversational skills), interpretative (reading/listening skills), and presentational (spoken/written skills). Teachers score students in six areas-comprehensibility, comprehension, language control, vocabulary use, communication strategies, and cultural awareness. There are four performance levels (novice, intermediate, advanced, and superior) on the performance assessment rubric. To determine a student's score on the performance assessment rubric, teachers assess if the students are performing the skill 20%, 50%, or 80% of the time at each performance level. Mrs. Walters reiterated that a student's performance score is an ongoing evolving score. As students build knowledge, they will move up the scale on the performance assessment rubric. However, we should expect students' scores to move lower on the scale when new material is introduced. A copy of the performance assessment rubric is attached. SIC members shared that parents would appreciate more detailed feedback about their students' performance. They were very appreciative of the insight that Mrs. Walters shared and would like to have the information disseminated to other parents of MGM students.
- IV. Members voted and approved the MGMS SIC By-Laws.
- V. Suzanne English invited MGMS to join MGES in future Adopt-A-Highways. Members suggested that MGES SIC should also contact Claudia Moose, the MGM Beta Club Advisor, and other clubs that participate in service projects.
- VI. Dr. Coon reported that the 30 mph flashing sign was installed in front of the school. He stated that there was "standing room only" at the School Dedication on November 18th. The band and the student leaders were very impressive. There will be a block party on November 29th to celebrate MGM's first home basketball game.
- VII. Our next meeting will be December 18, 2012 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Black, Secretary