

**Lawrence School  
School Council**

**MINUTES  
October 14, 2008**

**Present:** Anu Advani, Sarah Axelrod, Monica Crowley, Kelly Hardebeck, Alicia Hsu, Danielle Kent, Rick Rogers, Kate Shea, Kate Silbaugh, Carlyn Uyenoyama, Laura Walters

**MCAS/AYP Update**

Rick updated the Council on AYP Status. A district Technical Assistance Team has been formed to support the four schools in accountability status. A school data team will begin work on data analysis following an October 20 training session. Data analysis will occur on two levels. On the school level, the data team will analyze item analyses for the special needs subgroup to identify any common trends. On the student level, Individual Student Success Plans (ISSP) will be written for any student scoring "Needs Improvement" and "Warning." ISSPs will be shared with parents in November.

**School Grounds: Environmental Education Area**

Rick reported on recent parental concerns that have arisen about the proposed garden/environmental education area on the side of the school. A few parents have raised concerns about losing this as a play or hang-out area. While the area was discussed as part of the renovation project and was not intended to be a play area, the final decision to start the garden last year may not have received sufficient publicity last year and some parents feel left out of the process. Council members discussed having the Service Learning subcommittee vet this issue. Committee members will elicit feedback from BEEP, LEDP, and after school users. The goal is for a public discussion during the December PTO meeting. Final decision rests with the principal, with input from the Parks department.

**Organizing for Goal Work**

**Goal #1 Student Achievement**

Monica Crowley, Danielle Kent, Rick Rogers, Kate Silbaugh

Meeting to be scheduled after Technical Assistance Team meeting on October 20.

School Improvement Plan Addendum due in early December.

**Goal #2 Communication**

Sarah Axelrod, Kate Shea, Carlyn Uyenoyama

Focus on reaching out to underrepresented parent groups, such as METCO and ELL parents.

**Goal #3: Service Learning**

Anu Advani, Kelly Hardebeck, Alicia, Hus, Laura Walters

Focus on providing community service related to the environment and the school's grounds. First task is to organize public discussion of proposed location of environmental education area.

**Next Meeting**

November 10 (Monday) (Changed from November 4)

*\*Note: Subcommittees agreed to meet once before this meeting.*

**Remaining Meeting Schedule – Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 am**

December 9

January 6

February 3

March 10

April 7

May 12

June 9