



**Bancroft Elementary School
School Improvement Council Meeting Notes
May 14, 2010**

Continued Review of progress of SIC plan

• Class Size:

It looks like the preferred number of classes based on optimal class sizes will be in place for next year including 3 full and 1 half day K.

day K

MCAS results:

The open response questions often reflect the weakest point in our results. Teachers evaluate these results and discuss these types of questions in general as part of the overall test format.

For example, open response questions are part of a sequence or mix of multiple choice or other style questions and this mix or sequencing has an effect on results. Teachers try to use the results to develop ways to create consistency from grade to grade.

Technology:

Francine is grateful that the PTO is likely to fund 2 more Promethean boards to bring the school number to 6. Grants may be written and parent donations accepted for additional boards.

- Outdoor speakers

asking for No plan in place for purchasing at this time. The existing alert system using walkie talkies is working. We can keep funding if we feel it is something we need.

- Parent Survey

It has been determined that a parent survey will be performed every 2 years.

- Building
Francine has been doing school visits.
The architect's feasibility study is done and they are working on schematic designs.
Focus groups have been established to look at specific areas:
Library and technology
Outdoor spaces
Grade specific classrooms
Gyms and cafeterias
- Parent Communication
Francine is trying to get a sense of parent's response to communication about school/class/teacher events.
Do they feel they are well communicated?
Do they feel they are successful?
Do they feel they are too much of a demand for parents?

Heidi said website stats are high. Francine hopes to encourage more parents to check the emails, website, and listserves on a regular basis as communication in general moves more to these formats and away from the paper format.

- Last meeting for the year
This is the last council meeting for the year.
Francine thanked Nancy Sweeney and others who are rotating off the council at this time.
A number of people have expressed interest in being on the council next year and elections may be necessary.

Next meeting: September 2010