



**Winthrop Middle School
School Site Council Meeting II
October 23, 2017**

Present: Brian Curley, Principal; Teachers: Dani Foley, Stephanie Pietal, Teresa Dankner, Mr. Beckvold, Coni Moore (WHS Liaison); Parents: Debbie Chavis, Kristen Buonopane, Leslie Lawton; Community Representative: Karin Chavis

Agenda

3:15 Review of ELA & Math “Next Generation MCAS”
-What does it mean?

School Results on DESE website

3:50 Science took “Legacy MCAS”

Looking at the MCAS Scores:

✚ Meeting or Exceeding Expectations:

6th ELA 52%; Math 50%
7th ELA 48%; Math 43%
8th ELA 60%; Math 55%

✚ Check it out on DESE District and School Profile Pages:

http://profiles.doe.mass.edu/mcas/achievement_level.aspx?linkid=32&orgcode=03460305&orgtypecode=6&

- ✚ Looks like percentage has gone down
- ✚ 8th Science 42% proficient or higher
- ✚ We are moving in the right direction there is growth
- ✚ Guided Math Model and strong teachers makes a big difference

✚ Looking at the data

- ✚ Factors when dips occur, such as loss of an experienced teacher
- ✚ Math and ELA focus on Curriculum Development
- ✚ Dani get reports on individual standards, then teachers can meet and dialogue about how to improve instruction
- ✚ A lot of collaboration is going on

- ✚ This year's Science MCAS will be a combination of old standards and new standards
- ✚ Changed from fact-based standards to more about the process → how you use steps
- ✚ 2019 Spring Social Studies MCAS exam
- ✚ 2018 will introduce the new Social Studies Standards
- ✚ More testing coming
- ✚ Each team will need a Social Studies expert
- ✚ Ancient Civilization 6th grade
- ✚ 2-person teams in 5th grade
- ✚ 8th grade curriculum
- ✚ Standards and testing pushes the rigor
- ✚ ELA took a dip in the growth
- ✚ Every school district was assigned a level in the past, not this year
- ✚ We are probably a Level 2
- ✚ Goal to be a level 1

Unit Assessment

- ✚ Next meeting we will discuss the Olweus survey
- ✚ Karin asks about the aggressive behavior of some students toward staff
- ✚ Mr. Curley mentions the CASA diversion programs

- ✚ Started looking at the budget for next year

Coni moves that the meeting adjourn; Karin seconded it, all were in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 4:12

The next meeting will be on November 27th