**Ferryway School Council**

**February 11th, 2016**

**Attendance** M. Harvey, S. Rodriques, R. Payson, E. Fitzpatrick, P. Crowe, M. Drummey, R. Gordon, S. Shapiro, M. Hector, T. Thomas, and T. Ryan.

**School Improvement Plan** The plan and proposed updated mission statement was discussed. Some minor corrections and adjustments to the plan were offered and adopted. The council voted to approve the mission and focus statements after the minor changes were inserted.

**PARCC** Spring 2015 assessment results were presented by Principal Gordon. The results compared the school to the Malden District as well as to the overall State results. Principal Gordon offered a grade by grade breakdown and noted strengths and weaknesses. Some of the elementary grades showed there is room for improvement in both ELA and Math. The 7th and 8th grades showed good progress relative to past performances and when compared to the current district and the State results, however there is room for improvement there as well. The sub groups continue to struggle to show improvement. Ferryway will take the PARCC again this year and then switch to MCAS 2.0 for 2017.

**YWCA After School Program** Peg Crowe spoke to the council about the after school program. She related that the program’s focus is on ELA outcomes. Some of the programs being offered or considered are Future Cities, homework club, STEM Competitions, writing competitions, play production and constructing flower beds this Spring so students can study and write about their experiences. Ms Crowe is looking for more ideas and more teachers to increase offerings and is open to any suggestions staff can offer. She will be conducting a parent survey in the future.

Ms Crowe is looking to increase participation by ELLs and students with disabilities. The goal is to find a means to be effective with subgroups. The goal is to offer programs that address problem solving strategies and provide content rich curricula.

Suggestions and ideas should be addressed to Peg Crowe at the YWCA.

**In Addition**

Ms. Shapiro has procured a $1000. Award for the Ferryway School and how it will be spent will be left to the Leadership Team.