

O'Rourke Middle School Building Council Minutes
Monday, February 14, 2011, – 2:45 PM, Room 120

1. **Attendance:** Colleen Kane, Nancy Pearse, Pattie Rakvica, Melissa Fiaschetti, Lindsay Armbruster, Valerie Wadsworth, Penny McDonnell, Shauna Bryk, Dianne Alois, Janet Bianchi, Carol Frost-Cyrus, Connie Safford

2. **Review of the Minutes:** Voted in minutes from January meeting. Will be posted online.

3. **Survey Monkey:** Lindsay hosted the meeting so that we could go through the results of the schedule survey. The results show that over 90% of the staff indicated that they were unsatisfied with the current schedule configuration. Most certainly, the idea of block scheduling was well received, but folks felt that they needed more information and professional development to make that happen. We discussed some of the historic precedents that had been set in prior years that forced some schedule moves to be made. We decided that the results should be shared at faculty meeting, but to be prepared to answer certain questions about teaming and the combination of teams. Due to the fact that the staff wants change, and the fact that we have a priority list, the council was in agreement to let administration in the building try and accomplish as much as they could from the list. This would help move the building towards making an informed decision about block, flexible block or traditional team scheduling in the upcoming school year. Essentially, we can create a skeleton schedule for people to work within.

4. **Student Advisory:** We have officially welcomed a student advisory board in the middle school to help administration tackle student issues and develop long-term initiatives to support a positive school climate.

5. **50th Anniversary Celebration:** Officially June 6th. Will include: each day a decade, power points, music of the decade, new artwork displayed, party with retirees, birthday cake for lunch. Time capsule discussed, seems that \$\$ will be issue and where would we put it? Do we have one from 50 years ago? Would anyone know that.. Need a budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Kane