

Strategic Planning Committee
Middle School Community Action Team

Monday, June 7, 2010
10:15AM
TMS Room 281
200 Unquowa Road
Fairfield, CT

- I. Call to Order-The meeting was called to order by Paulette Cavanaugh at 10:15AM. Team members present were Audra Allen (via conference call), Paulette Cavanaugh, Colleen Karolus, and Jennifer Meagher.
- II. The team reviewed their charge for the 2009-2010 school year, reviewing action steps and due dates. Committee is on par with middle school plan.
- III. Surveys, relating to the Habits of Mind, were distributed to students, parents, and staff through Survey Monkey the first two weeks in May to all middle schools. The team put much effort into increasing the number of participants as compared to last year's numbers. There were over 2000 students, 246 parents, and 148 teachers that participated in this year's surveys. Results were discussed and some comparisons made to last year. One committee member is going to generate a summarization report of each survey, allowing for more ease in comparing the data collected. Some information gained from the surveys is the following: HOM are seen as being incorporated into the MS culture, promoting differences in thinking and behavior. Students have observed HOM being used in classrooms, lessons, group work, and homework. Teachers are incorporating the HOM into lessons as well as employing the terminology in discussions with students. Many parents feel that the HOM have made a difference in their children's thinking. Information from surveys has been given to all middle school administrators. It is up to each school to decide how the information will be disseminated to each faculty.
- IV. Prior to the end of the meeting, the team reviewed their charge for the 2010-2011 school year, highlighting due dates. The next meeting will take place in the fall. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.