

**R. J. Grey School Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2006**  
**- Summary -**

Members present:     Craig Hardimon       Karyn Finamore       Pat Higgins  
                          Francesca Riccardi     Kathleen McDonagh

The following issues were discussed:

- 1) Principal's report
  - a) 11/17 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance has a "Tropical" Theme
  - b) The annual Thanksgiving Assembly, led by the Student Council officers, featured performances by both bands and choruses and an original speech delivered by seventh grader Pauline Zheng on the meaning of the holiday.
  - c) Last week's seventh grade dance was another successful event with a huge turnout.
  
- 2) Should the Honor Roll be published in the Beacon
  - a) Some parents feel that publishing the honor roll increases student anxiety
  - b) Other parents feel it is an appropriate and necessary form of recognition
  - c) Craig will seek parent input by raising the issue in Grey Matters and report back.
  
- 3) 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher communication
  - a) What forums for communication exist between elementary and Jr High
  - b) Concern raised regarding level of pressure "preparing students for the jr hgh"
  - c) Assist. Superintendent Horn does facilitate communication between grade levels
  
- 4) Parent Guardian Survey
  - a) Draft reviewed by Council
  - b) Timeline and process reviewed
    - i) Distribution week of Jan 15<sup>th</sup> (on-line and paper copies)
    - ii) Task Force will analyze data
    - iii) Staff will develop an action plan
  
- 5) Parent/Guardian Forums
  - a) These forums are geared towards current sixth and seventh grade parents. Goal is to help to improve the transition for parent/guardians and children to the junior high.
    - i) Topics:
      - (1) Adolescent Development
      - (2) Homework
      - (3) Discipline
      - (4) Stress Management. .