

R.J. Grey Junior High School Council
Meeting Minutes Summary
February 14, 2006

Attendees: Craig Hardimon, Kathleen McDonagh, Karyn Finamore, Francesca Ricciardi, Pat Higgins, Jim O'Neil. January meeting minutes were approved.

Principal's Report: Craig Hardimon reported on happenings at RJ Grey. The 8th Grade held a successful dance that was planned by the Student Council. Blue and Gold Day was scheduled for February 16. 110 students participated in the annual Waterville Valley Ski Trip.

Conference Survey Results have been tabulated. Of the 954 students enrolled at RJG, 62% (588) of parents/guardians requested a conference. A total of 373 surveys were returned, of which only 43 respondents (<5% of the school community) did not attend a conference. Of those 43, only eight responded that they required an evening conference. With less than one percent of the respondents requiring a night conference, Craig will be recommending to the School Committee that no further action be taken on establishing night conferences at RJG.

RJ Grey Communications Brochure, designed to inform parents about the options for Team Conferences and Teacher Conferences, was distributed for review. The draft is being finalized for distribution to incoming 7th grade parents.

The Regional Budget impact was discussed. Given the needs at the High School, the goal is for RJG to retain level funding for the next year. If additional funds were to become available, the priorities/goals for RJG are to decrease the class size in 7th grade Exploratory, decrease the class size in 8th grade World Language; move 8th grade World Language 'on-team' and move 8th^h grade Exploratory 'off-team'. Ideally, these goals would be met with increased funding from the appropriated budget; however, opening RJG to CHOICE students is another option to make up the \$132,200 in funding needed for the additional FTEs to support the three goals.

The School Improvement Plan may not be developed until the fall since it is intended to align with the district's goals, and those goals will likely not be formulated until this summer. Committees have been meeting on implementing the various goals in the current plan.