

# Shawsheen School Improvement Council

Minutes of October 25, 2013

Attendees: Jennifer Srivastava, Krista Galligani, Mary Jo Gustus, Kelly Dougherty, Moira O'Brien, Pat McGovern

Since this was our first meeting for the 2014-2015 school year, we elected Jennifer Srivastava as Co-chair of the Council. We also elected Pat McGovern, our new Community Representative, as Back Up Co-chair in case Mrs. Srivastava is unable to attend.

The preschool has seen an increase in population of children who are experiencing social emotional issues. Due to the population Shawsheen school services, it is evident that a Behaviorist is needed to support teachers in their classrooms and also act as a liaison to our parent community. Last year, we requested in our plan the need for more counseling time, but now feel that more family intervention is needed. A behaviorist would be available to counsel, step in with support and make home visits; working with parents on behavior plans and strategies that work in a more socially appropriate way. A behaviorist on site would help significantly: behavior plans and consultations would be implemented early, focusing on skills that are developmentally appropriate for this population. Therefore, we will revise our plan to have a full time Behaviorist instead of increasing the School Counselor to full time.

Math support was also discussed. At this time, it was felt that a math support program similar to the Guided Reading program would not be feasible given time constraints. Kelly Dougherty is piloting a Great Leaps Math program with a few students. The before school math support program continues. The School District is looking into a couple of Math programs that will replace the Everyday Math program next year.

The meeting was adjourned without a next meeting date or time.