

ASHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

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**Ashland Middle School
Site Council Meeting
October 21, 2021
Virtual Meeting(Zoom)
5:30pm**

Minutes

- 1) Welcome and introductions
In attendance was: Dave DiGirolamo, Mike Morro, John Kliss, Tricia Callahan, Tracy Terry and Tina Fitandes.
- 2) Review of the role of Site Council: The MASS. DESE General Regulations and Improvement Plan Responsibilities documents were reviewed for this item.
- 3) Updates:
New Students: We had an influx of many new students to the middle school this year. This spanned all grades and populations.
New Staff: We hired new staff to create our Gold/Silver Teams for this year. This has had a positive and significant impact on class sizes in our 7th/8th grade core classes.
MCAS: AMS Staff spent into September reviewing MCAS data from the spring. This was modified as students only took one session due to Covid. This data is being used to create ISSPs and designate remediation during Discovery blocks during the day.
STAND: The STAND(Students Taking A Noble Direction) has launched our new campaign for November(students making healthy choices). Posters and messaging placed around the school was based on student input and feedback from surveys.
Protocols: Masks are required in school through at least January – more guidance to come from the DESE. Our lunches and routines are impacted, although not to the extent of last year.
Assessing Students/ISSPs next month: Teachers will be creating ISSPs(Individualized Student Success Plans) for students who did not meet expectations on MCAS this past spring. ISSPs will be mailed out by the end of November.
- 4) Improvement Plan overview – We looked at the district priority items as well as the middle school goals. Next meeting, we will begin a review of Goal #1.