Dover School Committee meeting minutes 10/3/2007

Present: Darin Correll, Kathy Gill-Body, Susan Hackney, Robert Springett, and James Stuart (at 0930)

Meeting called to order at 0915 by Mr. Springett.

Discussions

The Chickering School Committee Communications Strategy draft document was reviewed.

The Committee feels that there are three main entities that should be responsible for communication to the Chickering and Dover community – the School Committee, the PTO and the Chickering Administration. There should be discussion amongst these entities to determine who is best to communicate specific topics. Mr. Correll will follow-up with Mr. Downing around this issue and then Ms. Hackney will follow-up with Ms. White of the PTO.

Topics that the Committee would be best at communicating:
- progress on the various educational initiatives
- future budgetary issues that will effect the school and the Dover community
- issues being addressed by The Education Cooperative
- SPED issues

Venues for dissemination of the information – Mr. Correll will follow-up with Mr. Downing regarding having School Committee communications be part of the Principal’s Newsletter vs. keeping them as a separate “mailing”.

Mr. Correll will follow-up with Mr. Downing to see if he is planning evening informational meetings with parents/the community. If yes, what will the topics be?

The Committee would like to have the local papers do an interview with Mr. Downing (re: background information on himself and his goals/vision for the school) and Dr. Davis (re: the “state of the district and SPED challenges going forward). The latter will need to be coordinated with the other district School Committees.

Unanimous vote to adjourn meeting at 1015.

Respectively submitted by: Darin J. Correll, MD