

**Minutes, ARHS Parent Center Meeting
October 10, 2007**

Feedback on Open House

- Would like to be able to meet the 2nd and 3rd trimester teachers? Suggestion that maybe two open periods be available (versus one).
- Jim would like to discuss teacher conferences at a future meeting.

Mark

- (7:30 AM meetings with Mark the week before the PC used to set the agenda for the PC meetings.)
- Regarding PowerSchool realtime updates email to students. Goal is for teachers to use by September 2008; parents by 2009.
- Safety and security:
 - Practice shelter-in-place with students this year. Last year did lockdown practice.
 - MVP (Mentors in Violence Prevent) was the previous week.
 - ABL: anti-bias training
- Academic and support programs
 - Suggested that we bring in reps from different academic areas next time. Jim proposed English.

Impact of present budget and role of funding efforts (Amherst Educational Foundation)

- Predicting \$2M budget shortfall
- Also mentioned that there would be a meeting on Oct 17 at Fort River by the Amherst Educational Foundation regarding issue of retention of teachers of color.

RaDaR / Civil Rights Award / Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Jim reported on background legal mandate
- Julie: mission and vision statements
- Suspension and expulsions based on race, 11 years of data; there are some issues
- Civil Rights Award: Parent Center award to be given to a faculty member. To be given out in February. Info regarding nomination will be in the newsletter.