

HSAC Meeting - March 5, 2014

Attendance: Michael Kascak, Sarah McLaughlin, Debbie Greiff, and Shelly Santaniello.

Minutes:

1. Debbie checked on how often Hillside's water gets checked for lead. It gets tested every 7-8 years, which is sufficient. In Needham, the treatment plant makes the water more alkaline(less acidic) so it will be less likely to leach onto the pipes, and cause lead build up. Debbie reminded us again that it's a good to let cold water run for thirty seconds before drinking.
2. There was an exposed heating pipe in Mrs. Miceli's kindergarten room. A kindergarten student accidentally burned her back on the pipe. The pipe has been fitted with new protective molding. Tom Franks checked all classrooms and found no other exposed heating pipes.
3. There was a mold issue in my(Shelly Santaniello's) classroom. Due to a continuous leak which started at the ceiling and ran down the back of a cabinet, mold developed. The custodial staff tried scrubbing mold spots above, and inside the cabinets. The leak and mold smell persisted. Mrs. Santaniello requested that the room be tested for mold. It was tested on January 22. Mold was found. The custodial staff decided to remove the cabinets. A strong-smelling sealant was put over the leak. The odor has subsided but is not completely gone. The leak has stopped on my side of the wall but continues on Mrs. Babcox's side of the wall. My room was retested for mold on February 4. The reading dropped from 1,530 mold counts/M3 to 67 mold counts/M3.
4. Sarah McLaughlin reviewed recent readings from Lord Associates. She had no abnormalities to report.
5. Our next meeting, which is also our last meeting for the school year, will be on **May 28 at 6:15 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Shelly Santaniello