

## HSAC Minutes: May 27, 2015

**Attendance:** Todd Pomerantz, Rob Kirschner, Sarah McLaughlin, Debbie Greiff, George Goneconto, David Ofer, Michael Kascak, and Shelly Santaniello, secretary.

**Minutes:** 1. Our new member, Todd Pomerantz, is a former environmental consultant. He's very familiar with reading reports and data like we get from Lord Associates.

2. Sarah McLaughlin was excited to hear about Todd's background. She will remain on the committee until the fall, and then turn over her duty of "data analyst" to Todd.

3. At our last staff meeting, Debbie informed everyone about the RIP (Remedy Implementation Plan) that will take place over the summer. She alleviated any concerns about Hillside being unsafe over the summer. Staff can come inside and work in the building at any time. There will be a short period in late June-early July when there will be trucks on the kindergarten side of the building, digging the wells for the RIP. Once the wells are sealed up, there will be no danger outside the building. The tentative date for the digging to start is June 29. MK will confirm this will Ralph Tella.

4. We'll have no summer programs for students this year. This will give ample time for the building to be "professionally" cleaned. We are in the midst of a grievance about the general lack of cleanliness of our building.

5. We had another discussion about the possible locations for the new school building. (We tried to bring our new member up to speed.) The committee still can't understand why Cricket Field isn't being considered. Currently, Hillside staying on Hillside grounds, or moving to DeFazio Park are the most likely options, according to the Needham Times.

6. MK discussed agenda items to pursue for next year. He'd like to consolidate a few current committees under the umbrella of HSAC. HSAC could perhaps meet 4 times per year, while sub committees meet throughout the year. One sub group could be a cleanliness committee. Another sub group could be the crisis team.

7. MK mentioned that the crisis team, including myself and Michael, will visit Tyngsboro on June 9th. We'll learn how the Tyngsboro staff practiced an ALICE emergency drill. ALICE stands for Alert, Locate, Inform, Confront, and Evacuate.

8. Michael mentioned that our staff will soon practice fire drills with a blocked exit. We'll also practice a full school evacuation to the nearby Senior Center.

9. Our next meeting will be in **October 2015**. We hope to have results from Lord Associates after the first round of the RIP.

