**Middle School Counseling Advisory Board**

**Minutes**

**October 28, 2013**

* Introductions of Members

We welcomed our new members as well as our returning members

* Recap of last year’s Advisory Board

Discussed the RAMP certification and Lauren and Felicia explained the Philadelphia trip where they received a beautiful plaque.

* Program Update

**OLMS**

– New Student Group was help on Oct. 30 and instead of 3 -4 sessions, was reduced to 1 session due to MEAP

* New group this year – Young Men of Promise – working with a targeted group with Assistant Principal Scott Long
* Guidance Curriculum for all 3 grade levels
* Anti-Bullying programs for 6th & 8th grade
* College and Career Fair moved to February
* AVID class – self-advocacy programs – college visits

**Abbott**

– New Student Breakfast at beginning of year and information questionnaire when meeting with counselor to share with the student’s teachers

* Guidance Curriculum for all 3 grade levels
* RAMP – Training and continuation of application process
* Project TEAM with Officer Mendham – 6th graders – 7 monthly sessions
* 1st Annual College and Career Fair
* AVID – Expansion of program to 3 classes, on track to be a demonstration school, OU tutors, college visits

**Coffee Talks**

* 11/8 – Technology Safety
* 12/3 – College Knowledge for the Student Athlete – discussion to include and gain support from the HS, the middle school principals will share with the middle school coaches as well.
* 2/26 – Elementary to Middle School Panel
* 4/24 – SCT Explore score interpretation
* Other Issues/Concerns

-Transitioning from Elementary School to Middle and Middle to HS – we are losing kids. It was recommended that a staff person (counselor, admin., secretary) from that school level speak with the families similar to an exit interview and complete a document so we can better track why people leave.

* Future Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting – March 31, 2014 at Abbott Middle School 7:00 PM