



ABORN SCHOOL

“Work hard. Respect others. Follow the Golden Rule.”

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SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA AND MINUTES

January 24, 20 17

Present: Ms. Muxie, Ms. Amico, Ms. Hennessey, Mrs. Patoku

I. Construction Completion/Update

Ms. Muxie reported that the construction project in Rooms 2 and 3, which involved wall work, is now complete. Due to extensive planning and the cooperation of all classes, there was little disruption to learning time. The appearance of the rooms is much improved. No water damage was seen during the last heavy rainfall.

II. Ad Hoc Committee on the LPS Uniform Policy

Lead by: Jared Nicholson, Ms. Gately, Ms. Carasco

Meeting: Feb. 9th at 6 p.m. in the School Committee Room.

I will attend with a parent rep.

Quick additional survey going out today.

Review and discussion of Lawrence Policy by group.

Ms. Muxie shared information that an Ad Hoc Committee has been formed by the School Committee to explore the possibility of implementing an LPS Uniform policy. Since the Aborn expressed an interest in this 2 years ago, and had gathered information at the time, Ms. Muxie sent out an additional quick survey to gather updated opinions and will attend the February 9th School Committee meeting with a parent representative. She will relay information from the School Committee at our next meeting.

III. MCAS 2.0 Information Shared

Information related to this year’s state assessments was shared with the group. The state has decided not to continue administering the PARCC tests and will instead administer the MCAS 2.0. This test will incorporate PARCC and common core components but also include standards and components unique to Massachusetts. Grade 4 students will be taking an online version of the test this year. It is projected that by 2018, all students will be taking the online version. Ms. Muxie talked about all the technology skills that students are expected to be able to utilize while taking the tests. She will inform parents of these skills via her February monthly memo to increase their awareness of them. She stated that the district has purchased a subscription to, “The Typing Club” for all 4th grade students. All students in Grades 3-5 will be taking the Practice Tests which are currently in the process of being posted on the DESE website.

IV. Extended Learning Time Program to Begin

The second round of extended learning time will begin in February. Funds will be focused on increasing the achievement of students who are close to Proficient. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be focused on Math. Grade 2 will focus on Foundational Reading Skills and Grades 3-5 will be focused on ELA MCAS 2.0 prep. Letters of invitation will be going out to selected students during the first week of February, with the program starting the following week.

V. Other/Public Participation

Ms. Muxie relayed her request to the Building and Grounds personnel about her desire to have the yard repaved due to some large divots currently present. These present a hazard to students at recess time. Ryan Monk responded that he would send an inspector to look at the situation. It was requested by the council that when they come, we also have a conversation about tree roots which are breaking through the ground in both the front and back yards.