

Cobbet Elementary School

School Council Meeting

February 17

3:15 pm Attendance/Introductions

Role call: Peter Viselli, Principal, Tim Burt Program Specialist, Gale Thomas, Lynn Business Education Foundation, Brandi Walker, parent-absent

Also present: Parents: Maria Mendez, Mayra Nolasco, Egida Yoc, Vilam Lopez,

3:25 Review of the January meeting: Review school improvement plan priorities

- School Improvement Plan
- Cobbet Gear
- Cobbet Clean-up

3:25- School Improvement Plan

- Year 3 of our current plan; team meet over the past month to reflect and discuss current two priorities and modify Action Plan. Priorities based on school data, demographics, school testing, team members' input

2 school priorities:

#1 Teachers will use Keys to Literacy Comprehension Routines in their daily lesson plans to help support and increase students' comprehension.

#2 K-5 teachers will implement and instruct all science lessons to increase student achievement on the end of the unit assessments.

- End of three-year cycle. New SIP team schedule for summer, 2022 to begin new three-year cycle
- This team will decide new goals/keep/add/modify current goals (based on school data/equity for another three-year cycle)
- Current, updated plan sent to district on 2/14/22 for approval from school committee
- Paused for questions: no questions asked

3:34 Beautification of Cobbet Grounds

- Clean up Cobbet schoolyard April 30 with a rain date of May 7 from 8:00-10:00.
- There will also be an outside art project in the works with the art teacher Sarah and Miskinis. Ms. Miskinis is in the process of acquiring an art project for students to work on and hang on the fence out front.
- Garden beds will be replaced in the spring with partnership from the Food Project for our current third graders. The fall harvest will be in October with the fourth grader students.
- Parent asked the question. Is the cleanup for the parents as well? Yes, it is. Mr. Viselli will send out communication for the parents through phone calls, emails, text messages, and flyers.

3:38: Spring fundraiser

- Informational flyers will be sent home in early March for Cobbet gear: sweatshirt, tee shirts, $\frac{3}{4}$ zip-ups
- Orders should be in by April vacation
- Paused for questions/no questions asked

New items:

3:41: Fiscal year 22-23 Budget

- Currently we have 30 classroom teachers and 74 total staff members.
- School Year 21-22 we added two new classrooms, a kindergarten classroom and a grade 2 classroom. This gave us five kindergarten classrooms, five first grade classrooms, and five second grade classrooms.
- This kept the numbers of students very low between 20 and 22 students per classroom. Teachers can spend more time giving more attention to their students to address their needs
- Currently, we have no space for any more classrooms in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- For SY 22/23, we are requesting one special education teacher, a full-time reading teacher, and to continue our Instructional Leadership Team. This team focuses on analyzing school data (reading math) to bring back to grade level teams. This team meets two times a month. Assistant Director of curriculum, Julie Ward is also part of this team.
- Paused for questions/no questions asked

3:51: MCAS Testing Timeline

- grades 3, 4, and 5 only.
- English Language Arts (March 28 through April 25)
- Math (April 25 through May 27)
- Science (grade 5 only April 26 through May 27)
- These tests have two sessions. MCAS schedules will be sent home in mid-March with a cover letter to prepare your student for testing.
- Paused for questions/no questions asked

3:54 Wrap-up/Questions

There were no further questions

- If you have any questions, you can call the school anytime; see myself or Mr. Burt outside before/after school.
- Our next meeting will be April 14 at 3:15. A zoom invitation will be sent out prior to the meeting. Thank you; reminder Winter break 2/21-2/25...school resumes on 2/28.