

Chatham Elementary School Council – 2020-2021

Minutes: 1/7/2021 2:30pm via google meet

Members:

Members present (*in bold):

Ms. Ann Barnard (Teacher)

Ms. Lindsay Bierwirth (Parent)

Ms. Meghan Lampert (Parent/teacher)

Ms. Deb Lopes (Parent-PTO Liaison)

Ms. Jessica Rogers (Parent)

Ms. Kathy Ware (Teacher)

Ms. Robin Millen (Principal, co-chair)

Others: **Joy Jordan (MRSD community outreach)**

Agenda:

1. Update on the 2018-2021 SIP plan; steps to draft the “2021-2022” plan

The academic members of this team met in December to evaluate the successes of the [2018-2021 SIP plan](#). Members acknowledged that the data that was able to be collected did not match the originally stated measurements (either due to the fact that the data is no longer available (ex. CPI); or because the testing did not happen in 2020 due to COVID closure.

The team did review trends that were being created in the data and although not all goals were achieved, felt that the plans should and could be redrafted to provide more clarity on both goals and measurement over the next school year. The team also evaluated each action step, and was able to indicate whether or not the step had been completed or not. This team brought this information to the meeting, and those present felt comfortable moving forward with the drafting of the new SIP as it relates to updated needs and information brought forth to the council in the last several months.

The team then reviewed the draft of the updated [2021-2022 \(dates to be determined\) CES SIP](#). Dr. Millen included additional rationale statements pertaining to the each of the three goal themes from available and current research/resources. The three themes include: Grade level standards IS the academic priority; Equity and Access; and Wellness. Action steps and goals are wrapped around existing goals and actions steps outlined in the Kaleidoscope Collective Learning Partnership plan, and additional actions not necessarily captured in the KCL document. The members present thought the plan was appropriate, applicable, and actionable. The academic teachers on this team adjusted one goal to be more in line with the typical, expected growth measures and felt this was ambitious yet realistic for a number of reasons including, but not limited to, the complexities with teaching and learning during a pandemic.

Next steps: Dr. Milen will contact the Superintendent and the CIA, student services director for feedback, and she will also seek advisement as to when/how to seek school committee approval for this plan.

2. Monomoy Elementary Schools: Survey results and discussion

The members present were familiar with the outcomes of the survey. The discussion focused on options, community reactions, and dialogue that Dr. Millen and Ms. Jordan have had with stakeholders. The overall theme of these discussions is that the community supports having an elementary school in the town, and most though seem supportive of the financial restructuring that would equalize this obligation. There seems to be some misconception that there are only two options, so Ms. Jordan recommended that the council continue to communicate with others that there are many options to take into consideration (ie stay as the district is currently structured, create a “lower-upper” elementary school, redistrict Harwich students to CES, house all elementary school students in one building).

3. Update on learning mode enrollment

This item was not discussed because all members present knew the information. However, an update was given on the shift to remote learning. All in all, things are going well. Students, staff, and caregivers have made the shift with less concern than last spring. There a few internet glitches within homes due to bandwidth, and some concern with students being “present” for servicing, yet overall, things are moving forward to Tuesday smoothly. No word yet on if this remote learning scenario will be extended. Concerns exist about get-togethers in homes over the break, and also current situations where parents are in need of day care so households are providing care for other households due to closure. All were hopeful though that we would be able to return on Tuesday.

4. Budget update

Budget has been presented to the towns. It still appears that this may be a difficult year for budgets due to population and economy. Budget discussions begin next week at the SC level, and Dr. Millen will keep the council updated.

Next March 4, 2021 2:30pm via google meet