



HES School Council Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2022

2:45 – 3:45pm

HES Professional Library

In attendance: Mary Oldach, Scott Carpenter, Joy Jordan, Justin Tavano, Jessica Muldoon, Kara Boule, Pat Smith, Karen Booth, Sharon Hughes

Agenda: [Presentation](#)

- HES Update
 - Mary shared an update about the current COVID conditions and protocols
 - masks optional following February break, two homeschoolers returned following that (unclear if related), all have shown respect in choices following that
 - Materials being returned to classrooms, allowing Activity Room to be cleared out
 - That allowed some events to return, starting with the band and chorus concert coming soon
 - Field trips have returned, all are connected to curriculum - National Seashore, Buttonwood Zoo, Natural History Museum, Audubon
 - Field Day will be held June 15 and 16
 - Student Data highlights:

- PBIS is part of efforts to address SEL needs of students, Tier 1, Tier 2 includes Check in Check out, SURF - Students Understanding Real Feelings (students with SEL needs and discipline referrals) - Mary shared chart in presentation with data showing effect of supports
 - New reading program - American Reading Company - Mary shared results about the strong impact this new program has had to improve student reading levels
 - Playground - Mary shared rendering of playground and reviewed some of the elements and the benefits, also showed which ones were ADA compliant
 - Grand opening planned for Jun 11, 2022
 - School Council members will go outside to see the current status at the end of the meeting
- Conversation with the Superintendent
 - Dr. Carpenter visited to share updates and answer questions
 - COVID - numbers are increasing - many staff are out with COVID as well as many bus drivers. District is barely holding on in terms of staffing this week. Many students are also out right now with COVID
 - Pooled testing occurred today for the last time, largely for efficiency and best use of resources. Also because anyone who tested positive within the last three months cannot pool test bc it will pick it up - shifting to sending home enough home tests to allow people to test at home Mondays and Thursdays.
 - In a meeting with health experts, they told him that they expect this week to be the peak and it to go down from there, and also to expect another increase in the fall again.
 - Goal now is learning to manage COVID
 - Budget - Harwich Town Meeting approved the MRSD budget - level service budget with no cut to programs. Regional Agreement changes shifting costs to Chatham for the smaller elementary school also passed at Harwich

Town Meeting. If also passed in Chatham, it will provide approx \$700K relief to the town of Harwich

- Playground Site Visit
 - The group went outside to see the progress on the Community Playground behind HES



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