



HARWICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, April 26, 2021

2:45- 3:45m

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Minutes

- [Representatives](#) Introduction (Share your name, connection to HES, and your favorite TV as a young child ... and why)
 - In attendance; Mary Oldach, Joy Jordan, Jessica Muldoon, Ann Carpenter, Patricia Smith, Jackie Cleary, Kathie Smith, Katie Cloney, Julia Blois, Karen Booth, Sheila House, Meg Shaffer, John Larivee
- [Approval of Minutes](#)
 - Members reviewed minutes from March 1, 2021 meeting and voted to approve the minutes
- [MRSD Elementary Configuration - May 6 Forum](#)
 - Mrs. Oldach reviewed the prior discussions that have been held on the best configuration of Monomoy's elementary schools for student learning. The last forum, although open to all and all families were encouraged to attend, it was largely Chatham

parents in attendance and speaking. It is hoped that more HES families and staff will attend the next forum on May 6 and use the forum to share their thoughts and opinions.

- School Update

- COVID Update - no classes remote due to COVID currently
- Playground Update - The town is handling the process now, members of the original playground committee have met with town to review plans and project. Construction will start when school is over.
- ESSER Funds- We are going to be receiving grant money from the government. Next year, we will reinstate our interventionists and we are hoping to add one more math and reading interventionist to help support our students.

- [School Improvement Plan 2020-2023](#)

Nationwide, our student academic achievement has dropped. Data meetings at HES have been happening with teachers and admin to address the whole child approach looking at all areas and needs of all our students.

Breakout Rooms to discuss any “ahh ha” sentences from the School Improvement plan

Group 1 - A lot of effort went into the school improvement plan. It is really important to focus on the whole child after suffering a pandemic and we agree having all those pieces is important for the health and well being of all students.

Group 2 - The vision statement was very well written, a lot of thought and effort on the whole child was given. There are actionable and attainable goals in the plan. The grade 1 MAP scores were alarming, we are assuming it must have been very difficult for those teachers and students to facilitate and learn foundational skills remotely. The

academic scores will go up but it's important to focus on students' social-emotional well being more than we have in the past.

Group 3 - The document was very comprehensive. There were some questions about some of the language around demographics.

Last 2020 -2021 Meeting: May 17