

Monomoy Middle School Council Agenda

Date of Meeting: Monday, March 29th, 6:00-7:00 pm

Membership: Sarah Cortese (teacher), Cherian Armstrong (teacher), Stephanie Goley, Jenna Gradzicki, Joy Jordan, Doreen Escher, Abby Dudley, Michael Newby, Maegan Storey

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Agenda:

1. COVID Update
 - a. School related changes
 - i. News on April 5th/April 28th
2. Schedule 2021-2022
 - a. We are exploring 60 minute blocks
 - b. Looking vertical alignment of UA's
 - c. Reduction of homework
 - d. Extended Fresh Air Time
 - e. Implementing progressive choice
3. Sports/Clubs, Truro
 - a. Beginning ideally April 26th
 - b. Late bus beginning April 26th
 - c. Club offerings are currently very few, brochure to go out the week of April 6th
 - d. Truro: grade 5, 10 individual sessions
4. End of Year Celebrations and Recognitions:
 - a. Format: [Should we do something like this?](#)
 - b. Awards ideas
5. Field Day
 - a. Creative ideas?!
 - b. Shirts/Themes
6. Teacher Appreciation Week
 - a. May 3rd-May 7th
 - b. School Council- Flowers for all staff -April 26th/distributed May 3rd
7. [WHMMS-March](#)

Notes:

- State related guidelines, we don't need to make any changes
- We will be welcoming back students at the start of the 4th quarter
- Currently 4 students
- Schedule for 21-22
- Student voice, staff voice- a few things that students and staff want to see moving forward-extended FAT - double block - maybe a little too long - can we make a 60 minute block that would be an ideal time period - homework - less HW is helpful for students to have a life outside of school - trying to extend the block so that students have an

opportunity to begin HW - UA blocks and seminar - we still want to provide some student choice (seminar) but we need to figure out how many options and how often we need to have this. Popular with students and good results with our intervention. We are working with a scheduling committee.

- Staffing-posted reading interventionist and for a world studies teacher-agreed upon by students, staff, and admin that this should be a part of the core.
- Looking at vertical alignment for UAs-connecting to the HS-specifically with world languages. POR - There are no more students that go to Spanish/Latin than Mandarin/French. We need to have purpose with what we are doing with world language.
- Q: Looking at longer blocks, would that mean you need to get rid of some programming?
A: if we go too long a block-yes. You can reduce seminar - but you can mesh some things together that would extend time in your core academics.
- Consider the students who are tied into Reading support and other academic support
- Idea: A play - reading. Baking and cooking with math.
- Q: are unified arts that are not offered this year will be back in place. A: Yes-example art and stem. Looking at having band and chorus during or outside of the school day.
- Every year we look at if there is a better way to do that. We have been very successful with tier 2, but need to increase tier 1. Trying to bookend the days, so that students don't feel like they are solely doing academics at school. Robust club offerings.
- Sports/Clubs/Truro-hoping after break we are not in the red zone. Proceeding cautiously and prudently while we can. Sports 4/26. This is a new level of intermingling. This is something that students are doing. We can make sure students are doing this in safe ways. Q: Can 5th graders participate? A: Yes.
- Clubs-asked staff to get back to Adam if they are interested in clubs. Has a few clubs (3-4). Hope to get more staff interested. Encourage the students to reach out if they have an idea. Looking at before and after school as well as remote and in person offerings.
- Truro-5th grade students get the opportunity to go to Truro each year. Usually a week long trip. This year=field trip design. Each class will go for a day. Looking at having kids who didn't go last year.
- End of the year celebrations-Evening of excellence - don't see people coming into the building this year. Please check it out to see what awards we do have. Is this a 7th grade graduation? No-but it is 7th grade heavy. Growth component is huge. Q: Is there a distance learning component. A: This will be included.
- Field Day: Every year we have an outdoor celebration. Any ideas-need to socially distance and adhere to protocols, but we also need to to cut loose and have fun.
- Teacher appreciation week-Admin will do one but we were talking about what kids may be able to do to celebrate. Jenna-Ice cream truck? Candy?
- Joy-we don't have a formal PTA
- Students council is working on planting on flowers and will be giving them to staff members. This is for everyone in our building.
- Check out the video!