

Monomoy Middle School Council Agenda

Date of Meeting: Monday, March 20th, 2023 4:00pm

Membership: Sarah Cortese, Meghan Lampert, Abby Dudley, Joy Jordan, Adam O'Shea, and Amelia Rose

Meeting: Grade 5 Conference Room (MRMS)

1. What's Happening at MRMS

- a. 7th Grade Celebration
 - b. 6th/7th Dance
 - c. Honors/High Honors Celebration
 - d. Events at the High School
2. MAP Data and implications for MCAS
 3. End of Year Ideas

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Date of Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 2023 4:00pm

Membership: Sarah Cortese, Meghan Lampert, Abby Dudley, Joy Jordan, Adam O'Shea, Amelia Rose, and Open Enrollment

Google Meet: <https://meet.google.com/jfq-axyq-ffh?authuser=0>

Prior to the meeting: Please complete the [linked form](#) to help provide guidance on our next steps to our school's improvement. Also for additional information about school councils, I have linked this general information from [DESE regarding School Councils](#).

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1. Preparing for the budget meeting with school committee scheduled for 1/12/23 by Adam
 - a. Reading budget for current fiscal year as well as an update of the library
 - i. Increased
 - b. Summer Reading Challenge: what can we do to incentivise during the school year.
 - i. Other ways to gather students interest: Book reviews, lunch bunch for reading, staff picks,
 - ii. Book Club -
 - iii. "Book library" -CCC has one, put one on campus.
 - iv. Seek high interest, easy readability
 - v. SSR- bring it back? Similar to Drop everything and Chat..
 - vi. The students walking into the door have been trained by having 30 minutes of sustained time on reading.
 - vii. Advisory: Use this as a place to develop a love of reading, and to celebrate. Possibly have student videos,

- c. Infrastructure upgrades:
 - d. Needs/Challenges
- 2. What's working well, What needs improvement: input from our parents
- 3. [School Improvement Plan](#): Dr. Dudley will provide an over view and open up the documentation to discussion/suggestions
 - a. The vertical alignment of mathematics is problematic, and the constraints of schedule, and the disproportionate use of MAP to drive the schedule,
 - b. Consider to create a time to connect math in seminar as an enrichment math design.
 - c. Building stamina in reading, homework in general
 - d. Student led conferences,
- 4. Good of the order
 - a. Friday, February 3rd from 8:55 am-9:42 am Showcase Seminar

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Date of Meeting: Monday, November 7th, 2022

Membership: Open Enrollment

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Agenda:

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Better Together:
 - i. [School Council Responsibilities](#)
 - b. In the Middle News
 - i. Notable Changes
 - 1. Advisory
 - ii. Staffing
 - iii. The Bookends of our Day
 - 1. Sports
 - 2. Clubs
 - iv. Principal's Reading Challenge
 - 1.
- 2. [MCAS Results](#): Swimming with the best
- 3. What specific areas do you want to see our school improve
- 4. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, January 9th, 2023

School Councils Responsibilities and Non-Responsibilities

What are the main areas of responsibility for school councils?

The law outlines four major areas of responsibility for councils. School councils are to assist principals in:

- 1. Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards**
- 2. Identifying the educational needs of students attending the school**
- 3. Reviewing the annual school building budget**
- 4. Formulating a school improvement plan**

What is the school council's role in the school budget?

- 1. The law specifies that the school council "shall assist [the principal] ... in the review of the annual school budget." This language refers to the school building budget, not to the district budget.**

May school councils make recommendations that pertain to district-wide policies or to other schools in the district?

- 1. Yes. School councils may make non-binding recommendations to school committees on issues that are of keen interest to the school and that have district-wide or multi-school implications.**

What are some areas in which school councils CANNOT be involved?

- 1. School councils have no authority over labor relations and collective bargaining for public employees, including teacher contracts, compensation, workload, conditions of work, and evaluation procedures.**

2. In addition, the school council should not be involved as a grievance committee in individual cases that involve students, parents, teachers, and other school staff.

MRSD 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Overview

Strategic Objective 1: Expand Community Engagement and Partnerships by focusing on families' equity of access, increasing community involvement, and further embedding service-learning within the curriculum.

▶ This will be done by improving partnerships with families of underrepresented students, expanding the involvement of community partners, and further integrating service into our schools.

Strategic Objective 2: Strengthen Social and Emotional Well-Being through a deliberate focus on the development of healthy, supportive relationships and a fully integrated social-emotional learning curriculum.

▶ We will achieve this through emphasizing student character development and resiliency, and strengthening our school climate and culture.

Strategic Objective 3: Close the Achievement Gap by developing and implementing targeted instruction and supports to improve outcomes for the largest and most persistent achievement gaps.

▶ Monomoy will improve support for differences within our classrooms, implement innovative programs, and enhance early learning in our towns.

Strategic Objective 4: Improve Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for All Learners by ensuring our collective practices are focused on students, preparing them for college, career, and life as members of both a local and global community.

▶ To meet this goal, we will standardize a learner-centered approach in our classrooms, and provide challenging and experiential learning that prepares students for 2030 and beyond.