

# **Pembroke Community Middle School**

## **School Council Minutes**

### **April 26, 2023**

The meeting began at 10:50am. All members were present at the meeting. March minutes were reviewed and one edit was recommended. The edited minutes were accepted by Caryn Drake and seconded by Allison Glennon; all other members voted to accept the minutes.

The G6 to G7 transition update was shared. A middle school overview was presented to 6th grade students on Monday at each elementary school. That evening, there was a parent presentation. PCMS staff will return to elementary schools on May 2 to register students

PHS will be holding its parent step up night for the parents of incoming freshmen on May 4 with a 6:30pm start.

Dates for all middle school events up to the end of the year were shared on the agenda.

The middle school is in the process of developing a transition support room, named the PCMS Compass Lab, for the upcoming 23-24 school year. Shared with the council members were the job description of the academic coordinator, a draft version of the procedures for this support room and a presentation that reviewed some of the basic tenets of a transition support room (i.e., the Bryt model).

The process of a year-long initiative, [\*\*My Career and Academic Plan \(MyCAP\) - College, Career and Technical Education\*\*](#) was reviewed. MyCAP is an initiative run out of the department of elementary and secondary education to prepare students for college, career and civic readiness. A \$4500 grant was awarded to the middle school and will be used for curriculum development, with each content teacher creating a lesson on secondary options that is connected to the technical skills taught in that class, as well as the transportable skills that are in demand across disciplines. As an active team working in this area all year, PCMS was awarded a \$40,000 grant that is being used to strengthen our programming. Purchases included drones, laser cut printer and technology software for STEM.

The [\*\*PCMS Program of Studies 2023-2024\*\*](#), recently approved by the school committee, was shared. Attention was directed to the new G8 elective, found on page 9, Introduction to Programming. Some of the materials, and professional development trainings were paid for out of the larger STEM grant discussed above.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30. The last meeting for the school council will be on Wednesday, May 31.