

## Old Rochester Regional School Committee Equity Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

## June 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Media Room at the Junior High School 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Beauregard (in-person), Marion School Committee, Frances-Feliz Kearns (in-person), ORR School Committee, Amanda Hastings (in-person), Mattapoisett School Committee, Margaret McSweeny (remote), ORR School Committee and Matthew Monteiro (in-person), ORR School Committee

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Chisholm

**ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools (inperson), Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning (in-person) and Kristine Lincoln, Interim Director of Student Services (in-person).

Building Leadership (in-person): Silas Coellner, Jr. High School Principal, Doreen Lopes, Sippican School Acting Principal, Lauren Millette, ORR Guidance Director, and Kevin Tavares, Old Hammondtown School Principal, Charley West, Rochester Memorial School Assistant Principal.

Meeting called to order at 4:35pm by Frances-Feliz Kearns. Ms. Kearns informed everyone attending the meeting that the meeting was being recorded and stated this meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee, Administrators and public will have the option of meeting in person in the Media Room located at the Jr. High School at 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or via zoom.

### The following agenda items were addressed:

### II. General

### b. Building Updates and Reports

This section was moved up on the agenda so that the student present may share his feedback. Dr. Fedorowicz introduced the Credit for Life Fair presentation sharing that this was the first time for the High School. Ms. Millette explained that throughout the school year, she works with students as an advisory council and one of the items they requested to learn more about was financial literacy. She researching different options in the area and learned that Cape Cod 5 has a program and donates \$1,000 to the school. Ms. Millette shared a presentation about the Fair and the software program students utilized to gain real-world financial experience and guidance. This information was also shared with families in the Guidance Newsletter so they could benefit from key tips, lessons and budget worksheets. Student, Andrew Porter, was present and illustrated the online platform. He also shared his feedback of it being somewhat of a real life simulation with accurate financial projections and valuable lessons on bills, savings, credit, student loans, and more. Please see appendix A.

### I. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2024:

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Mr. Monteiro Motion Seconded by Ms. Beauregard Motion Carried

Roll Call: Beauregard (yes), Kearns (yes), Hastings (yes), McSweeny (yes) and Monteiro (yes)

#### II. General

## a. Overview of the Equity Action Plan

Dr. Fedorowicz shared that this is the working document shared at each meeting and this will continue into next school year. She, along with the building administration present, discussed recent updates in the evidence section of the plan in each building related to REDI training, Project351, learning walks, sense of belonging and responsive classroom, data meetings and collaboration among teachers across all buildings. Superintendent Nelson added that there has been a lot of work done by Instructional Council and it is a strong group. There is discussions on incorporating the teachers into learning walks in the future. Mr. Tavares commended the work this year teachers and staff across all of the schools working together more to better align standards and practices. Superintendent Nelson agreed, explaining that all of the elementary schools are receiving the same high-quality instructional materials, which provide an equitable foundation for all students. The administration discussed regular student support meetings, portrait of a graduate training and building equitable supports for students across the district, which all align with Vision2028. Please see appendix B.

### **School Committee Feedback:**

Ms. Kearns acknowledged how much work is done to earn grant funding and how much of the work is funded by grants, including MassHire supporting the Character Strong Program at ORR. She appreciates the work and extra efforts and personal time commitments by the administration.

### b. Building Updates and Reports (continued)

Dr. Fedorowicz shared that the next presentation was a request from the last meeting to review how the incident log works in PowerSchool which is a new process this year. Ms. Lincoln presented an overview of the current process, which was adopted by all buildings and all grade levels in all of the District's schools. Previously each school used their own set of descriptors to document infractions. This year K-12 descriptors align with state descriptors. Referral forms have been updated to include additional built in tiered responses to discipline, such as verbal warnings, reteaching of expectations, detention, etc. The information recorded in PowerSchool will assist with the transitions and interventions going forward. Please see appendix C. Superintendent Nelson added that the administration is working out how to be consistent across all buildings. He expressed that this was a great first step this year, and the staff is requesting more training. He looks forward to continuing to work on this and strengthen the established norms system-wide.

### **School Committee Feedback:**

Mr. Monteiro asked if the system links incidents between multiple students and if that is reported to be able to identify trends. Ms. Lincoln confirmed that was correct.

Ms. McSweeny expressed her excitement for the consistency and the ability to have information about a child over a long period of time. She believes this system will lead to a more positive culture. Superintendent Nelson agreed, and looks forward to being able to identify trends with staff as well, to determine teacher leaders and those that may need more support.

Ms. Kearns asked to have this information presented annually and to also make sure handbooks align with the information in the PowerSchool forms and provide education to families as well of the expectations.

Next, the elementary school administration shared a presentation of the happenings in their schools. Mr. West, Mr. Tavares and Ms. Lopes all showcased lessons, events and other happenings as examples of the culturally inclusive and fun ways to engage all learners. Please see appendix C. Superintendent Nelson highlighted the MARC (Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center) presentations at Sippican. He shared that have a thorough website with additional resources and expanded offerings for families.

### III. Public Comment

**Superintendent Nelson read the following statement:** 

Public comment is governed by approved school committee policy. Per the committee's policy, we will offer up to 30 minutes for public comments this evening. Public comment is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between individuals and the school committee. However, the committee takes any public comment made seriously and appreciates hearing from the public. Anyone looking to provide a public comment must be acknowledged by the Chairperson before addressing the committee. Those making a public comment will have up to three minutes to address the committee and must start their comment by stating their name and the town they reside in. For those in person there is a sign in sheet for those looking to make a public comment located on sidewall and those on zoom, you can send a message in the chat with your name and the town you reside in. The chairperson will alternate between in-person and zoom participants. The school committee reserve the right to address any comment that present incorrect information at our next meeting.

There were no public comments.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03pm by Mr. Monteiro Motion Seconded by Ms. Hastings

**Motion Carried** 

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Roll Call: Beauregard (yes), Kearns (yes), Hastings (yes), McSweeny (yes) and Monteiro (yes)

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent



## **Did You Know?**

86%

of high school students say the most important skill they need post-graduation is understanding personal finance; only 30% believe their schools are preparing them.

(Barr Foundation 2019)

## YOUNG ADULTS

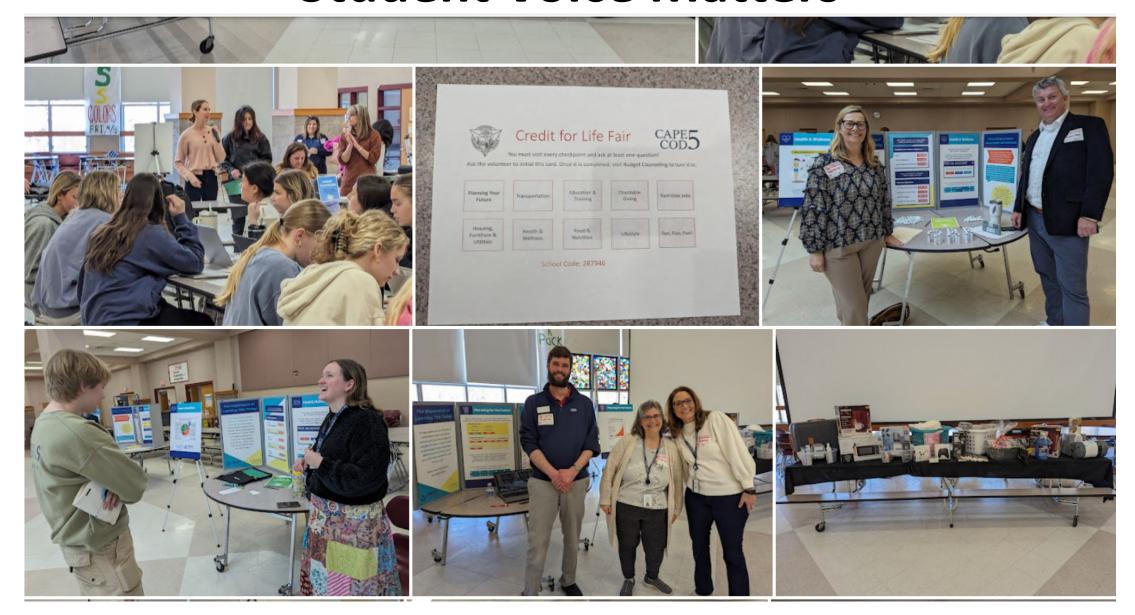
who receive financial education are less likely to carry credit card debt, and more likely to apply to and receive college grants and financial aid.

## 1 in 5

American 15-year-olds doesn't understand basic financial concepts. Students with a bank account scored on average 42 points higher than those students who do not.

(National Center for Education Statistics)

## **Student Voice Matters**







# CAPE 5

## What our students heard...

Cape Cod 5 is excited to be working with you this year to offer Credit for Life. You are our future leaders, and we want to help you build a foundation for achieving financial wellness. The Credit for Life Fair experience is designed to help empower you to take responsibility for your financial future.

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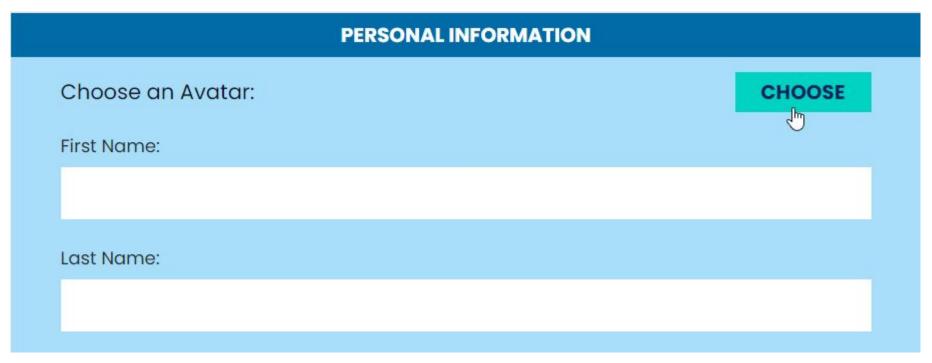
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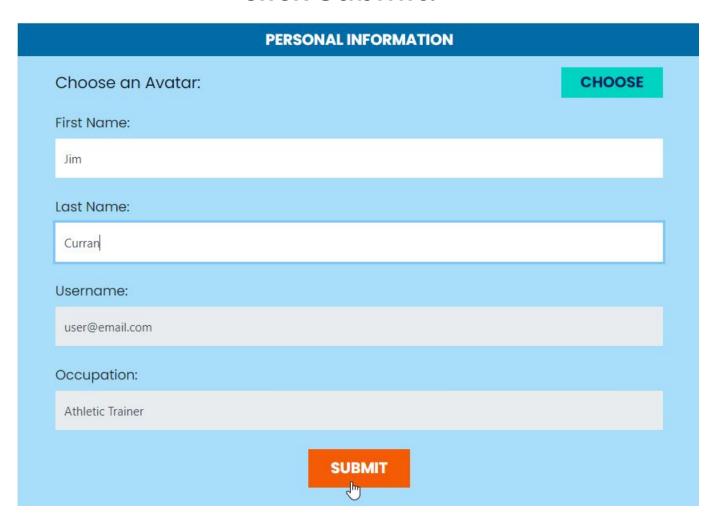
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\$39,813.00
\$3,318.00

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## Confirm your personal information and click Submit.





## Your profile has been created!

You will see your starting checking, savings, retirement and credit card balances on your dashboard.



# Sample Talking Points

#### **Charitable Giving**

#### Summary

The Charitable Giving checkpoint is designed to teach students about the need in their communities and in the world, and the importance of assisting others and giving back either with money or time.

- Students will choose among five ways to give back and pay with their checking, savings and/or credit cards.
- If a student chooses to donate their time at Habitat of Humanity, they will be asked to select an account, but no money is deducted.
- Students can choose as many of the options as they want.

### **Talking Points**

- It is important to give back to your community.
- Giving back doesn't have to be a financial donation if you are not in a position to do so it can be volunteering your time.
- Even a small but consistent donation helps and is a great habit to acquire.
- Please note for students that donating and volunteering are great boosts to one's overall wellbeing

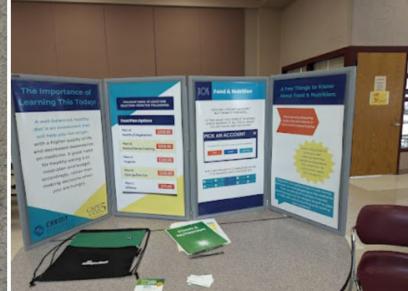








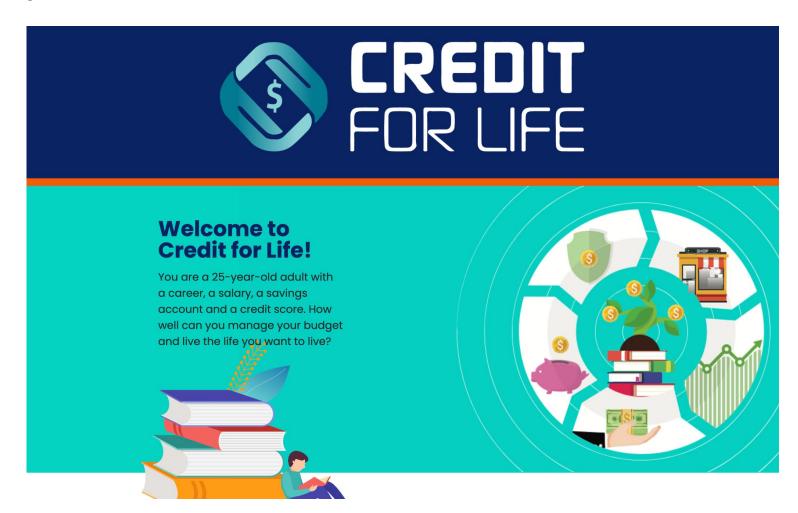






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# Thank you!



## **Equity Sub-Committee Action Plan 2023-2024 (WORKING DOCUMENT) EOY**

## Vision:

The Old Rochester Regional School District and Massachusetts Superintendency Union #55 is dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing learning environment that offers inclusive and engaging educational experiences. Through collaborative relationships with our school community members, we strive to foster a respectful culture that prioritizes academic excellence and social emotional readiness. Our primary objective is to provide every student with the necessary skills and developed mindset to embrace future opportunities and become responsible, lifelong learners and contributing global citizens.

## **Strategic Objectives:**

## **Teaching & Learning:**

Implement an equitable, cohesive curriculum that aligns with our Portrait of the Graduate in all schools.

Expand and extend the professional development planning and implementation process to support equitable adult learning with the resources, time, and professional practices to be student-centered and aligned with the Portrait of the Graduate.

## **Support Systems:**

Strengthen the multi-tiered and comprehensive academic, behavioral, and social emotional systems of support in all schools.

### Climate & Culture:

Provide an inclusive, equitable, and positive climate and culture in all schools that promotes sense of belonging for all school community members.

### Safe Schools:

Ensure safe, secure, and equitable learning environments in all schools.

Strategic Plan Objective	Action Plan	Date	Location	Role/ Responsibilitie s	Measured Outcome	Evidence
Teaching & LearningSafe Schools	Assist schools with implementation of resources from Massachusetts REDI PD on Equity, Inclusion,and Sense of Belonging	TLC meeting updates	Central Office TLC meetings	Central Office Principals: - Early Education - Secondary Education	Success measured by building level measured outcomes	Administrative Representation- participation in scheduled Meetings  Tentative Dates from DESE: February 28 March 27 April 10 April 24 May 8- canceled

	Racial, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (REDI) All Schools					<del>May 29</del>
Teaching & LearningClimat e & CultureSafe Schools_	Teachers 21 Behavioral Health, Equity, and Leadership in Schools Monthly Administrator PD All Schools	Monthly from August 2023- March 2024	District-wide	All Administrators	Identify conceptual models and frameworks to apply to context in buildings  Evidence of effectively using data to promote equity through data team meetings and data analysis	Cultural Proficiency Continuum scheduled during summer with administrative team in August
Teaching & LearningSafe Schools_	Share MCAS Data Analysis (by demographic) provided by the district to teachers for analysis at the building level All Schools	Fall/Winter 2023-2024	District-wide	ASTL Principals Teachers	Data analysis with teachers used to inform instruction  Responsive teaching lesson plans highlighting instructional practices being implemented in classrooms	MCAS analysis with demographic information completed during fall 2023  MCAS data shared during October and November SC meetings
Teaching & LearningSuppor t SystemsClimate	Continue to expand Project 351 to include additional	Monthly starting in August	District-wide	Administrators and Staff	Project 351 Ambassadors attend statewide	Project 351 Ambassadors identified Fall

to be scheduled dates
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						Monthly student meetings in each building  End of year planning workshop on May 29th  TBA - Summer Leadership Opportunities
Teaching & LearningSuppor t SystemsClimate & CultureSafe Schools	District-wide Learning Walks (LW) to look for evidence of Sense of Belonging and Inclusion All Schools	Two LW per building per year as scheduled 23 24 Learning Walk Schedule	District-wide	All Administrators	Completion of LW as assigned by building  Evidence and collaboration of patterns and trends aligned to agreed upon Expectations, Look Fors, and Sense of Belonging  Feedback to Staff	2023-2024 dates: 10/5/23 HS 10/11/23 RMS 11/21/23 JHS 11/29/23 Sipp. 2/1/24 HS 2/8/24 RMS 2/28/24 Matt. 3/13/24 JHS 4/26/24 Matt and Sippican.
Teaching & Learning	OpenSciEd Curriculum Supplementatio n Grades 5-8: OpenSciEd instruction begins with the interests and curiosities of students and	PD and Science PLCs	ORRJHS OHS/Center Sippican RMS	Administration, Department Coordinator, Science Teachers and ES STEM teachers	Completion of two new pilot units at each grade level  Provide teachers with professional development on OpenSciEd to	Observation of OpenSciEd during Learning Walks at ORRJHS OHS/Center Sippican RMS

	empowers student voice to support more equitable learning opportunities for all students  JHS Sippican OHS RMS				create groups of student problem-solving teams	OpenSciEd: OER, high quality, NGSS- aligned science materials and professional learning support in Grade 5 - 8 sciences  Continued meetings with OEI Consultant
Support SystemsClimate & CultureSafe Schools_	Students will be able to identify at least two trusted staff members to promote a sense of belonging  All Schools	Fall/Winter 2023-2024	District-wide	Bulldog Block Mentors  Advisory meetings  ES students facilitated by principal	How can trusting relationships with adults boost student success?	Two trusted adults identified by students and regular checkins  HS: Pending  JHS: Completed  Sippican/OHS/ Center/RMS: Two trusted adult and sense of belonging surveys to be administered to Grades 2-6  Students in the next two weeks Grade K & 1; Student checkins continue throughout the year

Teaching & LearningSuppor t SystemsClimate & CultureSafe Schools	Improve upon and adapt the Responsive Classroom (ES) and Advisory (JHS/HS) lessons content and organization in conjunction with PBIS  JHS Sippican OHS Center RMS	Guidance PLCs	ORRJHS OHS/Center Sippican RMS	Administration and Guidance Counselors  Cultural Proficiency Team with Student Voice  Students voice through verbal feedback and conversations	Monthly themes to include respect, kindness, manners, getting to know you through recognition of PBIS Cards and Caught Being Kind for students	On-going review of advisory themes and activities  Advisory lessons reflect student and staff voice  K-6 Responsive Classroom Meetings take place daily and teachers incorporate content based activities within their Morning Meeting Activities
						JHS: Piloting Character Strong, which focuses on character, community, and service this year. The Character Strong Curriculum was used as a resource and In May, the lessons focused on Mental

			Health Awareness.  ORRHS: Character Strong pilot since January ORRHS is using this curriculum in 8 bulldog block groups, 2 per grade, at the high school level. Lessons are about 25 minutes long and are being taught during Mentor Monday
			each week.  Sippican/OHS/ Center/RMS/ PreK: Academic Choice occurs throughout all elementary schools by providing student choice and voice in projects, center activities, research topics, and methods for presentations At RMS-Talent Show, 6th

						Grade Promotion Ceremony
Climate & CultureSafe Schools_	Recognition of cultural differences All Schools	Ongoing; heritage months	Building-based	Principals/ Teachers/Staff	Across the school year, we have themed bulletin boards, assemblies, and classroom activities that highlight these celebrations	HS: Art Memory Project; Genealogy; STEAM the Streets  JHS: Investigating History; Book Circles; Famous African Americans Project, Monthly Bulletin Boards - Hispanic Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Native American Heritage Month, Slack History Month, Women's History, etc.  Sippican: Music in the Morning may also feature musical pieces that reflect a particular celebration  OHS/Center: Students continue to be

			engaged in culturally relevant high-interest texts in our new Into Reading program.
			Literature includes various genres, representing different cultural backgrounds and experiences. Through shared reading and class discussion, students add to their vocabulary and gain an understanding of different experiences and perspectives.
			RMS: RMS students got to experience a Musical Journey through the Caribbean with the Manguito Band. Students listened to music from

						Cuba, Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. RMS held a Talent Show and all students were welcome to show off their talents. The student ambassadors served as support staff to the participants and announced their peers
Teaching & LearningSuppor t Systems_	Assessment data meetings held three times a year  Flex blocks added to master schedule for intervention lessons and reinforcement of skills and concepts  All Schools	November 2023 - June 2024 August 2023 - June 2024	All Schools	Principals and Staff	Students identified to receive targeted interventions  Assessment data informs instructional planning  Flex blocks in Master Schedule  Students identified and participate in	Elementary: Teachers are utilizing a wide range of resources to differentiate instruction to support students' individual literacy progress. Ongoing DIBELS foundational reading assessment helps teachers plan targeted instruction to meet students;
					intervention and reinforcement of skills and concepts	skill levels.  JHS/HS: Pathway Plans-

						strong data focus  All Schools: Master schedule  Intervention lesson plans and small group  EOY student assessment data is being analyzed to identify instructional focus area
Support SystemsClimate & CultureSafe Schools_	Weekly student support meetings to assist with academic, behavioral and social emotional needs.  All Schools	Weekly	All Schools	Principals, teachers, staff	Students receive support plans to meet individual needs	SRST (Student Resource Study Team) Clinical meetings Guidance Meetings JHS/HS: Pathway Plansstrong data focus Student Guidance Advisory Meeting

						Progress monitoring data Flexible intervention plans and student supports
Teaching & LearningSupport SystemsSafe Schools_	Portrait of the Graduate (POG) Work	June 2024	ORRHS	Administration  Department Coordinators  School Council  Community Input	Completed Portrait of the Graduate in June	Articulated POG
Teaching & LearningClimate & CultureSupport Systems_	Freshman Seminar Work	Pilot fall 2024	ORRHS	Department Coordinators Classroom Teachers	Pilot semester 1 in '24-'25. Two Department Coordinators will lead implementation.	New course for Freshmen
Support Systems_	ORRHS will pilot CHARACTER STRONG SEL program in Bulldog Block	Completed Semester 2	ORRHS	Assistant Principal  Director of Guidance  Bulldog Block Mentors	Pilot semester 2 evolves into full launch in 2024- 2025	

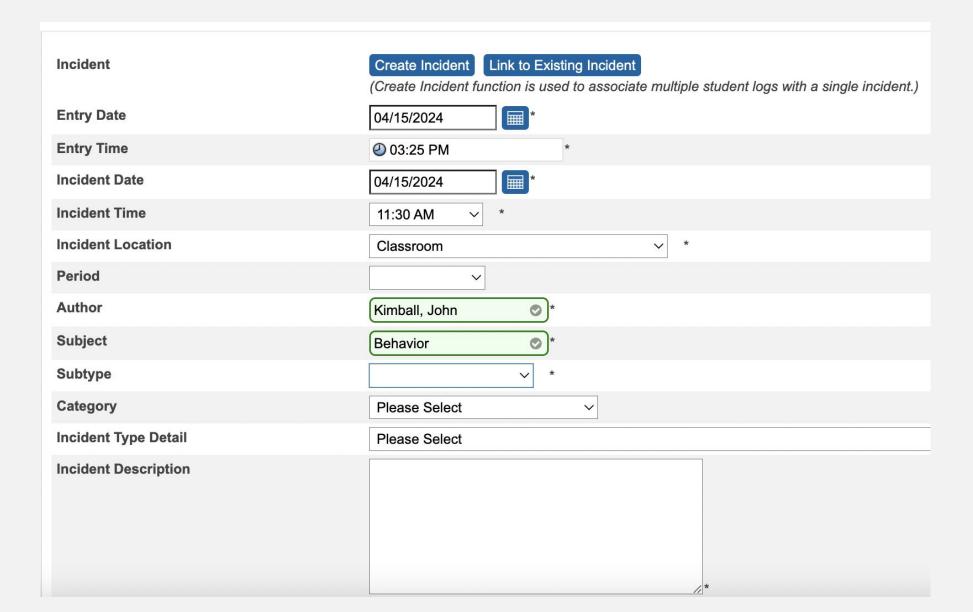
Teaching & LearningClimate & Culture_	Program of Studies Electives Showcase	Completed February '24	ORRHS	Classroom Teachers Current Students	Increased student knowledge of diverse academic offerings.	Increased enrollment in elective courses
Climate & Culture	ORRHS Students will volunteer to work with Sippican Students on a School Newspaper	Completed Winter/Spring 2024	Sippican School	AmbassadORs	Student newspaper production	Online publications
Climate & Culture	Building Equitable Supports for Early Childhood Literacy Book	Ongoing in year 3 of building resource list	Three Preschool Classrooms and Chapter 74 Early Childhood	Preschool Teachers	Ongoing resources for teachers to utilize in classroom	On-going review of themes and activities; Students

and Material list	Program		transition into classroom
PreK			successfully and
			demonstrate independence throughout the classroom

## INCIDENT LOG OVERVIEW

School Year 23-24

## General Information of Incident



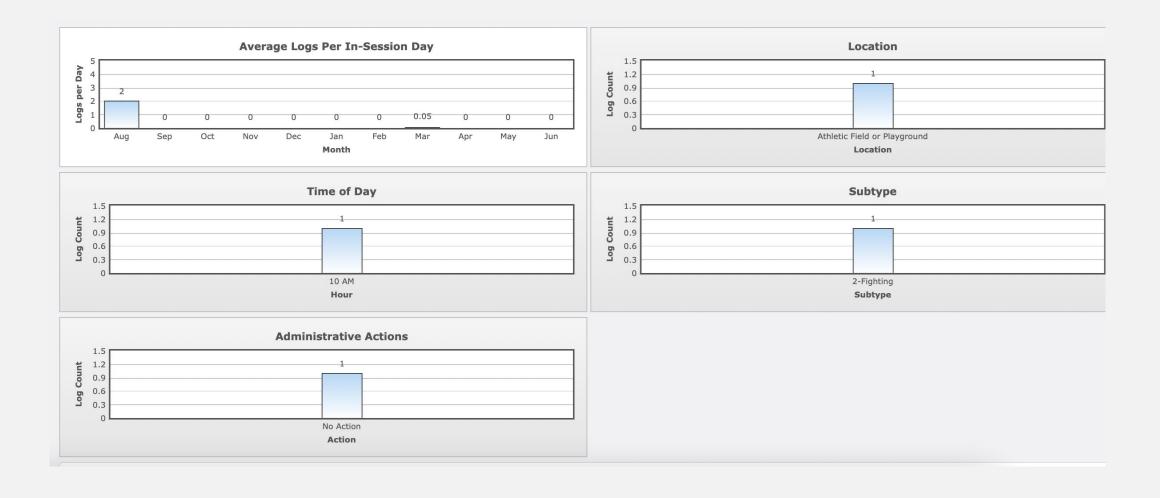
## Actions Taken

Teacher Actions (BE)    verbal Warning   Removal from Class   Proximity     Time Out: Classroom   No Action Taken   Restorative Questions     Reteach Expectations   Determined process or activity   Student problem solving sheet     Conference   Logical Consequence   Three - Five - Three     Loss of Privileges   Lunch detention   Time & Space     Detention   Behavior Check-ins   Verbal or Visual Cues     Other   Change in environment     Parent Contacted   Guidance Referral     Admin Actions (BE)   Determined by:     Seclusion   Parent Contacted   Removed by impartial hearing officer to an alternative setting     Detention   LAES (Hearing Officer)   Removed by school personnel to an alternative setting     Detention   Temporary Removal From Class   Referral to Police   Removed by school personnel to an alternative setting     Referral to Police   Remergency Removal From Class   Reflorecement referral with no school imposed suspension or removal imposed				
Seclusion   Parent Contacted   Removed by impartial hearing officer to an alternative setting   Detention   IAES (Hearing Officer)   Removed by school personnel to an alternative setting   Removed by school personnel to an alternative setting   Removed by school personnel to an alternative setting   Referral to Police   Emergency Removal   School Related Arrest or Law   Referral to Police   Incident Investigation   Enforcement referral with no school imposed suspension or removal   Intervention   Intervention   Intervention   Student Conference   Intervention Center < 1/2 Day   Teacher Conference   Intervention   Restriction   Restriction   Restriction   Restriction   Restriction   Restriction   Restriction   Restriction   Restriction   Referral to Adjustment Counselor   Conflict Resolution   Collaborative Problem Solving	Teacher Actions (BE)	☐ Time with Teacher ☐ Time Out: Classroom ☐ Reteach Expectations ☐ Conference ☐ Loss of Privileges ☐ Detention ☐ Other	<ul> <li>□ Referral</li> <li>□ No Action Taken</li> <li>□ Denied recess or activity</li> <li>□ Logical Consequence</li> <li>□ Lunch detention</li> <li>□ Behavior Check-ins</li> <li>□ Change in environment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>□ Reminding/Redirecting Language</li> <li>□ Restorative Questions</li> <li>□ Student problem solving sheet</li> <li>□ Three - Five - Three</li> <li>□ Time &amp; Space</li> </ul>
	Admin Actions (BE)	<ul> <li>□ Seclusion</li> <li>□ Conference / Reteach Expectations</li> <li>□ Detention</li> <li>□ Expulsion</li> <li>□ Referral to Police</li> <li>□ No Action Taken</li> <li>□ Mechanical Restraint</li> <li>□ Restorative Conference</li> <li>□ In-School Suspension</li> <li>□ IAES (School Personnel)</li> <li>□ Restitution</li> <li>□ Other</li> </ul>	Out-of-School Suspension  IAES (Hearing Officer)  Temporary Removal From Class  Emergency Removal  Incident Investigation  Intervention  Intervention Center < 1/2 Day  Loss of Activity  Lunch Detention  Parent conference  Referral to Adjustment Counselor	an alternative setting  Removed by school personnel to an alternative setting  School Related Arrest or Law Enforecement referral with no school imposed suspension or removal  Student Conference  Teacher Conference  Restriction  Mediation  Conflict Resolution  Collaborative Problem Solving

### QUICK VIEW OF INCIDENTS

Date *	Author	Log Type	Subtype	Subject	Entry
03/07/2024	Kimble, John	Behavior	1-Copying	Test	
08/24/2023	Kimble, John	Behavior	1-Tardy to Class	Tardy to Class	Teddy is hanging out at his locker between classes with friends.
08/24/2023	Kimble, John	Behavior	1-Tardy to Class	Tardy to Class	Teddy is hanging out at his locker with his friends between classes.

### Overview of Individual Student Incidents





# Equity Subcommittee Meeting

**Elementary Presentation** 

June 2024

### Rochester Memorial School Culture Around the World

- This year, RMS students in grades K-6, have all engaged in exploring different countries and cultures.
- Mrs. Hemenway, Art teacher, has focused her instruction in expanding her students cultural awareness through the arts and she often incorporated history standards in these lessons.

# Grade 5 Alebrijes Oaxaca, Mexico

lebrijes are brightly colored sculptures. They are made to ok like mythical creatures. The first alebrije are attributed Pedro Linares, an artisan from México City. Pedro pecialized in making piñatas, carnival masks and figures from cartonería (a kind of papier-mâché). He became very sick at one point in his life, and dreamt of magical creatures. He saw a donkey with butterfly wings, a rooster with bull horns, a lion with an eagle head, and all of them were shouting one word "alebrijes." He began creating what he saw in his dreams using Papier Mache. He traveled to see family in Oaxaca, México often, and eventually helped artists there learn how to make alebrijes and carve them from wood from the copal tree. The descendants of Pedro carry on the tradition of making alebrijes and other figures from cardboard and papier-mâché. Fifth grade students were inspired by his work and created their own alebrijes from papier-mâché.



### **Grade 1 Koinobori - Carp Kites, Japan**

Children's Day is a national holiday in Japan, which always falls on May 5th. Families fly giant carp windsocks, called koinobori, on flagpoles next o their homes from April to early May. Parents nope their children will be as spirited and letermined as the strong carp that can swim upstream and even through powerful waterfalls.





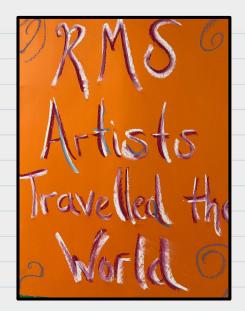
#### Grade 3 Vases, Greece

Greek vases came in many shapes and sizes and were not only practical to store liquids or other food like grains, but they used them to commemorate special events and as prizes for sports events. The designs on the vases would often depict scenes from well-known Greek stories about their gods and goddesses, heroes, battles and athletes. Many also included animals like horses, sea creatures like dolphins, or even mythological monsters. They would combine these images with detailed geometric patterns. Third grade students were inspired to create their own Greek vase designs.









The hallway wall map identifies where the students traveled in their art class

### Student work showcased during STEAM-a-palooza Night



### **Student Groups**

- Project 351 Influencers
  - Grades 4-6
  - Student Scenarios
    - Grades 2-6
- School Ambassadors (Student Council)
  - Grades 5-6
  - Planned School Events: Spirit Days,
     Talent Show, Canned Food Drive
  - Attendance at School Sponsored Events

### Student Influencers Presenting



#### **RMS Project 351 Influencers**



#### **School Talent Show**





**Student Ambassadors Assisting Participants of the Talent Show** 

### Celebrating Black History Month







# Celebrating Holidays Around the World





#### **Greetings from Italy!**

Second graders are traveling around the world to learn about traditions and cultures. This week we flew to Italy in our reading. A traditional Italian dessert is the pizzelle! To experience the culture deeper, we made our own!

We hope you enjoy! Love, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Realini's Second Graders

Social Studies - Topic 4. Civics in the context of geography: countries and governments 2. Explain the characteristics of a country.

Science - Orade 2: Physical Science 2-P31-4. Construct an argument with evidence that some changes to materials caused by heating or cooling can be reversed and some cannot.

### **Old Hammondtown**

This year the OHS sixth graders teamed up with the Mattapoisett Lions Club to promote a message of peace. Making peace a priority was the message to our sixth-grade students. The lessons learned highlighted our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits. Students created posters exhibiting their vision of what peace around the world would look like. This multi-disciplined project combined lessons on diverse cultures around the world, the need to work together, and art. This is the 20th year that OHS has partnered with the Mattapoisett Lions Club to promote a positive message of what Peace around the world should be.

### **Peace Poster Contest Winners**

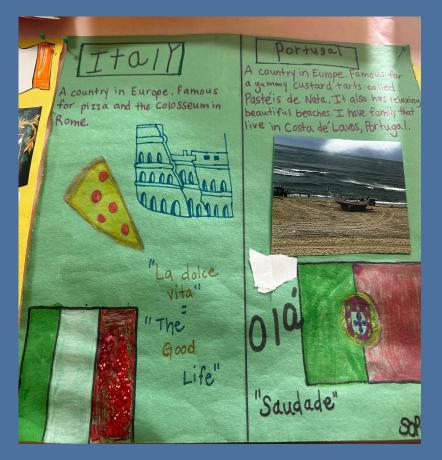


### **Center School**

- Second graders participated in a heritage and culture project focused on learning about their family heritage.
- Students used research skills to discover information about the countries and cultures of their ancestors. They then created posters and gave oral presentations to the class, using a variety of resources.
- This project addressed both Social Studies and English Language Arts curriculum standards.









## Responsive Classroom in Action: Academic Choice

- Teachers plan lessons, centers, and projects that provide choice in learning to engage all learners.
  - Teachers present choices and help students select an option that will help them meet their individual needs and learning goals.
  - Example: To have students practice subtraction, the teacher gives students a list of ten problems and lets them choose eight to solve. Then the students decide what they'll use to solve the problems, working individually or with a partner. They choose from a variety of manipulatives, number lines, and worksheets.









### Sippican School

MARC: MASSACHUSETTS AGGRESSION REDUCTION CENTER (MARC)

- Representative from Bridgewater State University's Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center (MARC) on Wednesday, April 24.
- MARC focuses on social and emotional adjustment in children, including bullying and cyberbullying, fighting, civil rights, peer relationships, and screen and social media use.



### **Arts in Action**

Arts in Action: Arts in Action was held on April 10th. Around 800 pieces of student artwork were shared with each student grades K-6 having at least one piece. The cafeteria was also transformed into a café where students performed live music for guests. Special thanks to Ms. Kirk and Ms. Moore!









### **Arts in Action**





### **Bulletin Board - Thank you**

Each Month a member of our School Council prepares an educational and thoughtful bulletin board that highlights the Month of National History.



### **Annawon Weeden Presentation**

The presentation focused on Native American culture and its impact on local whaling history. Students experienced Native American life including native decorative dress, and how Native Americans made their way from farming and working in fields to joining whaling ships. Slavery and its impacts on native culture was also discussed.







