



AMESBURY

CITY HALL
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AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE TEACHING AND LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2023 at 3:30pm

Present were Maryann Welch (Chair), Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews and Lyn Jacques, the Director of Teaching and Learning.

Ms. Welch called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Approve Minutes from August 15th, 2023 Meeting

Moved for approval by Mr. Noyes, seconded by Ms. Welch. Approved unanimously.

Teaching and Learning Updates

- **Agenda recommendation:** Lyn Jacques recommended aligning the subcommittee's agenda with the 3 district objectives so the district can share their progress throughout the year. The subcommittee agreed to change the agenda and discussed possibly changing the name of the subcommittee to the district strategy subcommittee.
- **Curriculum Plan:**
 - Currently, the district curriculum is not housed in one location. Some curriculum is in binders, which doesn't make it a living document, and other proportions are in Aspen. The district is piloting a system to house their curriculum with ATLAS, a curriculum software program in the cloud that can tailor curriculum mapping and frameworks. With this software, the district will be able to run reports on standards to identify any gaps in standards instruction. Then, they can analyze if the MAP scores correlate with those gaps. The district hopes to house the scope and sequences as well as "Understanding by Design" unit templates which include essential questions, skills, knowledge, and assessments on ATLAS.
 - At the building level, curriculum assessments will be done by the end of the school year. Staff are filling in an inventory sheet for each course with links to charts/scope and sequences, Aspen/Google, culturally responsive report cards, and more. When filling identified gaps or improving curriculum, the district will make sure to check for cultural representative and vetted materials.
- **DCAP:** It is in process and will be presented when complete.
- **Other:**
 - 3rd grade targeted supports: This year the literacy grant training and intervention support has been expanded to the 3rd grade, as they have a high needs population. The staff will be taught the Science of Reading and supported in the WIN block/MTSS. Kids will be grouped in October using their MCAS and MAP data.
 - Data sharing: District will report on MCAS data (ELA and Math) during the School Committee meeting on October 16th. Dyslexia testing and MAP scores are now required to be sent home. Conferences are also required if results are concerning. Ms. Jacques will send the subcommittee the district assessment calendar.
 - This is the district's 3rd year of Wit and Wisdom.
- **Spotlight**

- **Applications:**
 1. The Superintendent nominated the traffic support team during the elementary school reopening. Ms. Jacques stated some support team members didn't want to be recognized as they see it as "their job". There was a brief discussion on spotlights being presented for doing your job and no resolution occurred due to lack of time.
 2. Mr. Noyes recommended the Head Nurse, Kristen Tierney, for volunteering and running the Fun Run with an oxygen tank on her back to support a student. Vote will occur next meeting.
- **Marketing plan:** The subcommittee will discuss it during their next meeting.

Mr. Noyes moved to adjourn at 4:30pm, seconded by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved by unanimous consent.

Action step: Ms. Welch will send out a Doodle poll to determine future recurring dates and times, as she can no longer attend meetings on Tuesdays before 5:30pm. During the October meeting, the subcommittee will view the professional development schedule, discuss MAP and MCAS data correlations, and plan for spotlight marketing.