



AMESBURY

CITY HALL
62 Friend Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE TEACHING AND LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2023 at 5:30pm

Present were Maryann Welch (Chair), Abigail Jurist Levy, Greg Noyes, and Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews.

Ms. Welch called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Approve Minutes from October 17, 2023 Meeting

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Noyes. Vote: yes, unanimously

Strategic Objective Updates

- The subcommittee discussed that future teaching and learning director reports should focus on student achievement and include trends, plans (which may include goals, needs, and assets), and how the School Committee can support needs through policy, funds, or advocacy.
- Superintendent McAndrews provided updates on school improvement plans, the work being done to improve curriculum consistency, the multi-tiered system of supports at AMS, upcoming parent-teacher conferences, and the new standards-based elementary level report cards.
- The Eureka math pilot is beginning in grades K-4 after staff have received professional development on the program. A new math curriculum will be a top funding priority in the future and currently does not have a planned funding source.

Spotlight

10/6/2023 14:02:40	(prefer to be anonymous)	Sue Saurman, Guidance Department Head	Sue has been a huge advocate for student mental health. A major push this fall has been to provide students with therapy and counseling services. We now have three outside providers coming to AHS to provide services to 24 students. This is a huge win! Sue has tirelessly communicated with families, outside agencies, and students to make this happen. Given the mental health needs of our student body and her dedication to providing opportunities for this support, I feel she should be acknowledged.
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Dr. Jurist Levy moved to approve a spotlight for Sue Saurman, seconded by Mr. Noyes. Vote: yes, unanimously

- **Other:**

Dr. Jurist Levy moved to adjourn at 6:39pm, seconded by Mr. Noyes. Approved by unanimous consent.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 19, 2023 at 5:30pm