

**AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
TEACHING AND LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL**

May 26th, 2020

This meeting was conducted under the 'Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law G.L. c.30A, §20', signed on March 12, 2020.

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Present at 5:00 p.m. were Maryann Welch (Chair), Jana deBeer, Peter Hoyt, Superintendent Fulgoni, and the Director of Teaching and Learning, Lyn Jacques.

Ms. Welch called the meeting to order at 5:06pm and the meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

- **Approve minutes from April meeting:** Unanimously approved
- **Co-Vid school updates**

Although the State will dictate school reopening, starting next Monday, the district will have weekly leadership team meetings to plan for the possibilities of Fall school which include open/hybrid/remote models. They will collaborate and analyze an upcoming survey asking teachers what works, what doesn't, and what technology support is still needed.

The Director of Teaching and Learning is attending workshops on "Essential Building Blocks of Equitable Remote Learning" where 200 educators are coming together to brainstorm on 10 aspects of remote learning including a focus on instructional strategies and social-emotional learning. The information from this workshop will be brought back to APS principals and teachers.

APS principals recently sent out 200 letters to the families of students with low remote learning participation, offering help and support. The trends of disengagement in Amesbury are in the "at risk population" and AMS students (at 14%). Counselors, teachers and principals will continue to reach out and provide support. All schools have different criteria for low participation.

Parents/students have stated that they have struggled to open pdf files. The district will now be sending out KAMI, a pdf reader to Amesbury families. Various trainings were suggested for caregivers/community including but not limited to: Google Classrooms, having a Psychologist speak of how to talk to a child about returning to school after the Covid-19 closure, etc.

The elementary school teachers have picked Wit and Wisdom to be their new literacy program. Kindergarten registration will be online and can be found on the elementary school websites. Grants are being written to get ST Math in the elementary schools and a \$100,000 grant to support the current .5 adjustment counselor at AMS and the Pettengill House. Mr. McBrien, Ms. Donais, and Ms. Martignetti have been providing staff trainings.

On June 26th, families will be able to return their borrowed Chromebooks to their student's home school. Families with students in Extended School Year will be able to keep them for the summer.

- **Spotlights:** Discussed having AEFI A+ Award Winners present at the June SC meeting but they have not been announced. Other suggestions: District Newsletter highlights, remote learning testimonials. Lyn Jacques offered to ask if principals had recommendations. No decision was made.
- **Define responsibilities of the subcommittee:**
The subcommittee unanimously approved the subcommittee goal. It reads...

Amesbury Teaching and Learning Subcommittee Goal

To serve as a conduit between the School Committee, School Personnel, and Community and ensure that student achievement is the schools' utmost priority. The subcommittee will...

- Regularly review the progress and products of the Teaching and Learning Department
- Recommend spotlight presentations to share academic successes
- Advocate for specific policy and budgetary needs that support curriculum, instruction, and accountability

Proposed next meeting is Tuesday, June 30th, 2020 at 5pm. Proposed topics are Spotlight recommendations and Teaching and Learning updates.