

# Manchester Memorial Elementary School

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School Council Meeting  
January 22, 2024  
3:00-4:00 P.M. – MMES Conference Room  
*Agenda*

MEETING	MEMORIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
DATE	1/22/2025
LOCATION	Conference Room
ATTENDEES	John Willis, Corey Reishtein, Rene Puopolo Smith, Deb Patuto, Kathryn Taylor, Samantha Silag, Lindsey Banks
ABSENT	Sarah Stone
GUESTS	
RECORDED BY	Deb Patuto

School Council Meeting  
January 22, 2025  
3:15-4:15 P.M. – MMES Conference Room  
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1. Public Comment
2. Burning issues/questions/ideas
  1. **Winter Recess- 3-4 days of recess inside is tough on some kids - What policy is in place?** Standard: windchill below 20 requires indoor recess. Donations from PTO have been being successfully used. Kids can go into the library or project room for a quieter experience if they choose.
  2. **Wonders 2020 - How is Wonders 2020 working out now that it has been implemented for 3-years? Will the district continue or investigate a new program?** There is a yearly continuous review schedule for all academic areas. Wonders will not be up for a review at this time.
  3. **iReady Assessments - The kids are spending a lot of time throughout the school year doing it? Is it the best efficient assessment for the kids? Are there other options?** - Overall it is giving us a good feel for a student's performance. It gives us a snapshot.

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4. **Instructional Coaches** - Sept thru Jan - learned about the schools and curriculum within the district. Now in January, they have come up with plans in the areas where they can help in the area of curriculum and instruction, analyze data, co-teach etc.  
ELA coach continues to help teachers to unpack Wonders materials. To get the most out of the program  
MATH coach is training teachers in Fact Fluency Kits - what the fact means and strategies to use (not just timed tests)

## 3. Budget Update

1. 2025-2026 Budget Proposal
  - i. Level Services - 9.01% increase (a lot for 1 year)
    1. Health Insurance +24% from last year
  - ii. Proposed Budget Not Recommended
    1. 5.42% with cuts
      - a. \$500,000 in reserves
      - b. MS principal would be combined with HS
      - c. Facilities Re-organization
      - d. (-) 2.0 HS FTE
      - e. (+) G6 Foreign Language
      - f. (+) MMES Class Section
2. NEASC Updated
  1. Draft Report in hand

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4. School Improvement Plan: For next meeting, gather and share any community ideas

1. <https://www.mersd.org/Page/731>
2. Progress Review
3. Goals and Objectives Brainstorming
4. Process and timelines

5. Next Meeting:

6. Meeting Adjournment