

AMESBURY CASHMAN SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
[Date: April 17, 2025]

Attendees:

Dr. Amy Mitchell, Interim Principal
Lori McCrevan, CAMP Teacher/Building Coordinator
Maggie Begis, Grade 4 Parent
Erin Holmes, Grade 5 Parent
Kathy Fowler, Technology Teacher
Chris Leary, Grade 4 Teacher
Tiffany Purington, Grade 3 and 5 Parent

Agenda Item 1

- a. Approval of meeting minutes from February 27, 2025 (March meeting was not held due to a lack of quorum)
The motion was recommended by Chris Leary. Passed unanimously

Agenda Item 2: Community Voice

- Compliment for the Staff/Student Basketball game/lots of fun; it may need to be an annual event

Agenda Item 3: *Playful Learning Grant*

- K-3 Grant; attended professional development with the other districts awarded the grant
- practices are geared toward K-3 but can be extended to older grades
- use of centers to appeal to all interests; aligns with UDL work - provides Voice and Choice within the curriculum
- coaches from the grant will be coming into the school
- Newest grant: Investigating History Grant - collaborating with AMS
 - DESE competitive grant
 - One PD on April 14 ; two more PD days on June 9 and 10
 - students will be encouraged to act out and be a living part of history (Example of "Taxation" project and protest in the 5th grade this year
 - Will there be opportunity for specialists to attend the PD trainings? Right now the training is just the on-site Team, but there will be opportunities for collaboration within PD and PRT time

Agenda Item 4: *Vision of the Graduate: Student Voice*

- Students have completed a survey
- Community Survey open until April 29th - sent via superintendent office
- draft writing will begin once the survey results have been received

Agenda Item 5: *5th Grade Celebrations*

- going to visit AMS on June 5 (2 hour tour)
- Field Day (one day per grade) - June 2, 3, and 4

- Celebration week in June for 5th graders
 - Camp Otter day
 - Beach Day in the Soccer Field
 - “Moving-Up Ceremony” and Dance
 - Town Park Day - June 16th

Agenda Item 6: *Other*

- ELA MCAS are completed; new platform for MCAS was successful
- 5th grade Health standards: How and when will we address puberty instruction as an elementary school?; previously taught in Grade 6 at the middle school
- Lunch update:
 - Students are allowed to get a second portion of lunch (for a price)
 - Are menus at CES and Shay similar?
 - CES has been providing the cafeteria with lunch counts; if students want a second lunch, do they need to include that in the count?
- Is there a timeline for the launch of a new district website? There is a lot of work that needs to be put into transferring the information from the current website to a new platform.
- Discussion of 4th grade upcoming field trips
- Celebration of Learning: May 29, 2025 - 5:30 - 7:00
- Friday, May 16: 2nd grade move-up day for students from Shay

Next Meetings: 4:00 - 5:00

May 22
June 12