

AMESBURY CASHMAN SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
[Date: December 19, 2024]

Attendees:

Dr. Amy Mitchell, Interim Principal
Lori McCrevan, CAMP Teacher/Building Coordinator
Maggie Begis, Grade 4 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 November 21, 2024
The motion was recommended by Chris Leary. Passed unanimously with 6 additional votes.

Agenda Item 2: Community Voice

- Could the council consider including a Public Comment? (It has not been practiced in each of the school councils in Amesbury)
- Fourth grade students have expressed an interest in more variety in the school lunches; is the quantity consistent guidelines,
- Fifth graders are still complaining that food is running out (they have the last lunch)
- Minor/Major Behavior:
 - Minor: defined per school area (Specials, Cafeteria, Classroom, etc).
 - Major: three minor incidents, or behavior that is contrary to Code of Conduct
- Language of minor/major is from PBIS; PBIS/SEB coach, Jim Vetter will be coming out to the school on January 9, 2024
- Major behavior incidents include a student reflection and meeting with the office
- Concern about delivery of special education services; two communications were sent home; plan for compensatory services will be provided individually based on level of services missed
- Parents feel that lack of service have impacted progress on Report Cards
- Could we hire a reading specialist in place of a special education teacher
- Students have loved Spirit Week
- Replacement of Basketball Hoop in gym?
- Support for Flexible Math groups? Are the peer discussions happening at each level from low to high
- Discussion of how staff support is provided during the flexible math group time

Agenda Item 3: Playful Learning Grant

- Applied for a Grant at state level and waiting to see if it will be awarded to CES
- <https://www.doe.mass.edu/grants/2025/0350/>
- PreK-3 Grant written in collaboration with Shay Elementary
- Look at our schedules and curriculum and embed more play into learning

- Develop more purposeful play into recess time

Agenda Item 4: *Vision of the Graduate*

- developing skills and competencies they will need to know and show when leaving the Amesbury schools (3 year development)
- Includes the element of student voice
- Mendon/Upton is a model district and is using the model this school year
<https://www.mursd.org/page/portrait-of-a-learner/>

Agenda Item 5: *Other*

- Appreciate the Agenda/Notes be sent a week in advance
- Technology is including a class on coding for each grade level
- Tech class will start introducing use of 3D printers (groups will work together to make a small game piece for a younger student); develop trial and error skills through 3D printing

Next Meetings: 4:00 - 5:00

2025:

January 30

February 27

March 27

April 17

May 22

June 12