

AMESBURY CASHMAN SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
[Date: January 30, 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 December 19, 2025
The motion was recommended by Chris Leary. Passed unanimously with 5 additional votes.
Unanimous vote of the minutes.

Agenda Item 2: Community Voice

- Fourth Grade boys - request to upgrade the basketball area PTO - sports areas on the play area.
- Area where the students sled used to play football is no longer available because of snow. Another area which would be used for sports is not being used for sledding. Principal will first meet with the PTO and discuss fundraising or donation options.
- Communication about when students will be going outside for recess? Community needs a better understanding of the temperature/wind chill guidelines. Is it available to the community. It is the **Child Care Weather Watch**. (available via online search)
- MCAS: no change in standards for Science but there will be some field items.
- Grade 3: inconsistency with homework assignments; some students get homework from homeroom teacher, math teacher, or both.
- Follow-up to cafeteria portion sizes; Dr. Mitchell met with the cafeteria manager. There are guidelines and she unable to change the portion sizes at this time. The Principal discussed the possibility of a second "Fun Lunch" to include something with more protein. Wellness Committee has also discussed the option of students being able to purchase snacks other than chips.
- Valentine's Day: school continues to support no candy. What is the position on a community event such as "Friendship (Fruit) Salad?" This will be reviewed with the Wellness Committee and will report back.
- Strategic Planning Committee: discussion of the opportunity of CES student to go down to Shay. Are there other programs/opportunities to ; current opportunities with collaboration between CES/Shay include Buddy Classrooms, Reading with younger students, PBIS Shay experiences, AIHS has sent mentors to CES, AHS has also sent mentors.
- Community Meeting tomorrow (1/31); school will discuss use of bathroom routine and pass system.

Agenda Item 3: Mid-Year Assessment

- Reading coach has been meeting with grade level Teams this week.
- Following a data protocol to develop WIN (What I Need) intervention planning
- School Wide Achievement:
 - **Math:** growth in CORE and CORE+, Drop in Strategic and Intensive
 - Grade 3: growth in CORE and CORE+, Drop in Strategic and Intensive
 - Grade 4: growth in CORE and CORE+, Drop in Strategic, Intensive static
 - Grade 5: Decrease in CORE+, Decrease in CORE, Increase in Strategic and Intensive
 - Historically the Grade 5 and 6 students have performed below the state in Math
 - Grade 5 will be developing a Math Intervention time in the schedule (not during WIN); ELA and Math teachers will work together to provide the teaching/instruction in Math.
 - **Reading growth**
 - Grade 3: Increase in CORE, Decrease Strategic, Increase in Intensive
 - Grade 4: Growth in CORE+, Drop in Strategic and Intensive
 - Grade 5: Decrease in CORE+, Increase in CORE, Decrease in Strategic and increase in Intensive

Agenda Item 4: *Playful Learning Grant Update*

- Honored to have been selected to participate in the statewide program.
- More information to come.

Agenda Item 5: *Other*

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Next Meetings: 4:00 - 5:00

February 27

March 27

April 17

May 22

June 12