

Maple East Elementary
Shared Decision Making Team (SDMT)
January 20, 2026
2:25 PM

Agenda/ Minutes

Attendance: W Bohem, K Giardina, K Cecchini, J Grohusko, J Wulf, E Astridge, D Moore, K Beck, Courtney Slabyk

- I. Member introductions; Assign minute taker
- II. [Review minutes from last meeting](#)
- III. Technology Initiatives at Maple East, *Eileen Theuerkauf (Technology Coach) and Katie McFarland (Technology Facilitator)*
 - A. CBT- (Computer Based Testing) All 3rd and 4th grade students taking the NYS ELA and Math test are computer based. We have been preparing our students by using ThinkTech and Typing Club. We had a simulation on 1/28 to ensure our bandwidth is adequate throughout the district.
 - B. Video Announcements- Moxie our school mascot has a voice! This is one of our students who records themselves to give Moxie a voice. This student will be revealed at the end of the year. Every classroom will have the opportunity to recite the pledge. During announcements we have the opportunity to showcase our students of the month, Be Poud bees winners etc.
 - C. Faculty Meetings- During these meetings our Instructional technology coach Mrs. Theuerkauf helps keep on top of what is acceptable and helpful for our teachers using AI. Using AI is a “thought partner” or a personal assistant.
 - D. Chromebooks in the Classroom- each classroom shares a cart of chromebooks and uses “Clever” to log on. (with the exception of 4th grade-they manually type their credentials in). The focus of using technology is for Creation-- showing their learning, creating presentation, vs Consumption. (not used during recess)
 - E. DOJO- Our main communication- We have 1,515 parents connected, 90+ teachers and staff. Important messages and reminders posted on the Maple East School Dojo Group messages for classes with multiple teachers can be created. Photos (infographics) can **NOT** be translated
- IV. Future Meeting Schedule:
 - A. 1/20: Katie McFarland and Eileen Theuerkauf- Technology Initiatives
 - B. 3/19: Andrea Armstrong- Wellness Initiatives; W Bohem- DEI Initiatives
 - C. 5/26: Sarah Pfeister- Special Education Initiatives including *Early Stage Interventions*
- V. Feedback

Next meeting date: 11/20

Future SDM Meeting Dates: 1/20, 3/19. 5/26