

**AMESBURY HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Date: April 30, 2026

Present were:

Joe DiMartino
Woon Chul Fisher
James Hindman
Craig McPherson
Dr. Danielle Ricci
Mary Testa

Minutes taken by Michelle Godbout, Principal's Secretary.

- I. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - A. Approved
- II. Updates
 - A. Staffing
 1. Finalizing Athletic Director position, hoping to announce the candidate publicly early next week
 2. Anticipated openings for next year are posted and we will be interviewing over the next weeks
 - B. Cell Phone Policy
 1. On May 5, Dr. Ricci is taking a group of students to Ipswich High School to discuss the Bell-to-Bell legislation with schools in the area
 2. Likely not passed to be implemented next year but potentially the following year
 - C. Budget
 1. Waiting to hear the Mayor's budget before finalizing next year
- III. AI Discussion in Preparation for 26-27
 - A. Ricci: We have had AI training during PD to outline how AI can be used, what to look out for, etc
 1. The consultant provided an outline of what the students are already using AI for
 - B. Ricci: What do parents and families need in this regard? Could we have a session / event of some sort to teach parents more?
 1. McPherson: This would be beneficial and parents would likely be interested in learning more so they can be involved and prevent issues
 2. DiMartino: Transparency of school use of AI would be helpful. Parents understanding the ethical use and being able to help their students would be beneficial.

3. Ricci: We have an AI continuum to outline levels of AI-use that can be applied to each assignment (some assignments may have different pieces that AI can be used for at different levels)
4. Hindman: Sees students responding to the continuum, suggests that course-specific continuums may be beneficial if there were a template
5. Ricci: If we did a family event, what works best for families to join?
 - a) Hindman: Early in the year, best to get them in early
 - (1) McPherson and DiMartino agree
 - (2) Fisher: Should be done at the beginning of the year with additional follow ups, 3 sessions would be ideal
6. Ricci: Not just academic dishonesty, also social implications that parents and families should know
7. Fisher: We should reach out to other schools in the area to see what their AI policies are, if any
8. Testa: Really need to ensure that students are not being falsely accused of using AI
9. DiMartino: Training for teachers on the best practices to mitigate AI usage

IV. [Student Handbook](#)

- A. Planning to use the next meeting to discuss the Student Handbook and any changes we would need/like to make
 1. Examples: Attendance Policy, Discipline

V. Future Agenda Items

- A. Student Handbook
- B. WIN
- C. Chemical Health Policy