

Amesbury Cashman School Council
School Council Minutes
[Date: March 26, 2026]

Attendees

Chris Leary, Teacher
Larissa Vincent, Teacher
Laurie Speilvogel, Paraprofessional
Liam Davy, Parent
Alison Pruna, Parent
Maggie Begis, Parent
Emily De La Cruz, Parent
Amy Mitchell, Principal

Notes:

Minutes from 3/26 approved

Community Voice

- Wellness policy is vague enough that found can be integrated into curriculum
- The wellness committee is working with Nourishing the Northshore on getting a grant for a portable kitchen (Charlie's Cart)
- Students reporting improvement in cafeteria food and flow at lunch (after some staff changes in food services)

Community Forum and SKR language Expectations Updates

- Disappointed with the turnout last night as well as the presentation given- didn't seem to match the communities concerns
- Teacher and student presentations were much better received and in line with the the goals of staff
- Where do we go from here?-- Amy is following up with MPY to share our frustration
- 5th grade presentation is coming up
- Could we explore bringing in project adventure to improve community culture?
- Amy is in process of updating policies regarding consequences around language

Upcoming Assessment Calendar: MCAS and MAP

- 5th grade science MCAS next week
- Math MCAS for all grades the following week
- Make-ups will follow
- MAP assessments will take place by the end of may

Investigating History Grant Award for Grades 3 and 4

- Incorporates social justice and perspective taking

Other

- EOY writing data looking very positive - students are showing impressive growth
- ACCESS data also shows strong growth
- Parents have expressed they are impressed with their students writing growth
- Parents have expressed students are showing greater interest in social studies and history this year
- Whitney Day returning May 11, 2026