



**Somerville Public Schools**

West Somerville Neighborhood School

177 Powder House Blvd

Somerville, MA 02144

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:00-6:30 PM

West Somerville Neighborhood School, Room 205

1. Approve minutes from February, ok to post
2. Principal Update (5)
  - a. Keys
  - b. Trauma course
  - c. June 13<sup>th</sup> last day
  - d. DC payment—30 students; got a slot for the Holocaust Museum
  - e. Planning Transition Day, Ms. McGinty retiring
3. Staff Update (5)
  - a. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are completing course selection materials; process has been smooth
  - b. 7/8 grade starting to think about MCAS and having computer based testing, also discussing use of technology and how kids can learn to regulate their use of technology.
  - c. Kids have been on an upward trajectory with technology
  - d. K and 1<sup>st</sup> grades are going to see the play of James and the Giant Peach
  - e. 5<sup>th</sup> grade going to Museum of Science
  - f. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade has the maple sugaring trip coming up next week
  - g. K is planning a math event in the afternoon to introduce games
  - h. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade publishing a book.
4. Parent update (5)
  - a. Homework policy—the School Committee is open to hearing parent feedback regarding the homework policy. They are accepting letters and taking feedback.
  - b. Did have the traffic meeting last night; not a set timeline on what will happen. Mayor did commit that changes will happen. There will be police rotating between Raymond, Powderhouse, and North Street. A question was asked regarding if the direction of the street might be changed. Making Raymond a one way street has been discussed for a while. 311 orders were not going to the right place.
  - c. 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip, is someone arranging to see representatives, Callie has the email for Markey
  - d. Make sure that people have the chance to be added onto a list serve on the day of transition- also more time to know about the popsicles at the end of transition day

5. SFLC Liaison Update (5)
6. PTA Update (5)
  - a. Cause and Event is open on Mother's Day morning.
  - b. Looking at assemblies that are coming up, booking book fair and teacher appreciation.
  - c. Ice cream truck event will happen and be early this year.
  - d. Kathleen Brewer and Lee Anne will be moving off the board at the end of the year.
  - e. Met with School Committee last week. Thanked for the lots and no more parking in them. The meeting went well.
7. Traffic Safety Updates (15)
  - a. Callie will draft a letter from the School Council
  - b. The PTA represented the school well
8. Mid-Year data review (30)—
9. School Improvement Plan Presentation (30)

Add 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade F and P data.

Is there a way to get parents more information about students' development—do more yardsticks---how could we be more proactive?

Maybe link the speakers to the development and know date and time at back to school night- how do you get childcare? Start with cyber something??? Have it early in the year and send information home with summer mailing

Next Meeting: May 8th

Future Agenda items: