

MEMORIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FOR: March 18, 2022

MEETING	MEMORIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
DATE	3/18/22
LOCATION	Conference Room
ATTENDEES	John Willis, Shoshana Collins, Nate Berkowitz, Deb Patuto, Lindsey Banks, Samantha Silag, Toni Aloï
ABSENT	
GUESTS	
RECORDED BY	Deb Patuto

School Council Meeting

7:30-8:15 A.M. – MMES Project Room

1. Burning issues/questions/ideas
 - a. Covid 19 Update- Numbers seem to be subsiding after February vacation. District communication with District physician, Health Committee, Board of Health- Manchester and Essex, DESE and State Epidemiologist.
 - b. Building Project - Parent question: Any extra funds? (Lights on stage?)
 - c. Playground Update - ground is now thawed and hoping to have it ready for after April break.
 - d. School Committee- Ken, Eric and Sarah will be stepping down. Looking for people who would be interested.

2. Budget Update
 - a. Elementary Foreign Language (Foreign Language will now begin at 7th grade)
 - b. School Psychologist Re-organization (1 psychologist for elementary/testing. adjustment counselor will do counseling.)
 - c. Classroom Reduction (16 homerooms down to 15)

3. School Improvement Plan - Updates From School Council Members
 - a. Initiative 3: Celebrate and nurture an inclusive and diverse school culture that recognizes the contributions and uniqueness of all individuals.
 - i. DEI Consultant Michael- well received
 - ii. Brainstorm
 1. Updates throughout the process to Memorial Community
 2. Curriculum - any updates?- SS? Has the K-5 SS been updated or looked at to fit into this work?
 3. Updates will be needed for school handbook, website etc.
 4. Do we want to set up a separate Diversity Council?
 - a. Combine Manchester and Essex @ Elementary Level and then separate council for Middle-High School Level?