

MEMORIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FOR: February 7, 2023

MEETING	MEMORIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
DATE	2/7/23
LOCATION	Conference Room
ATTENDEES	John Willis, Shoshana Collins, Deb Patuto, Lindsey Banks, Samantha Silag, Sarah Stone, Jenna Papagni, Nate Berkowitz
ABSENT	Jenna Papagni
GUESTS	
RECORDED BY	Deb Patuto

School Council Meeting

3:00-4:00 A.M. – MMES Conference Room

1. Burning issues/questions/ideas
 - a. Meeting Dates/Times: Established, but will keep(mornings/afternoons) flexible so that all attendees can participate as much as possible throughout the year.

2. Budget Update
 - a. Public Budget Hearing: 2/7/23

3. School Improvement Plan
 - a. Progress Review: Manchester and Essex (together)
 - i. MERSD/MMES Spotlight Presentation -March 7, 2023
 1. Update :
 - a. There will be a presentation on using Booksource. Booksource is a resource designed to help teachers fill their classrooms with a diverse collection of literature for each grade level. Each teacher can make an account. You enter the books you currently have within your classroom into the system. The booksource will help find the holes within your curriculum and suggest books for you. The purpose is to help ensure that we are finding a variety of different genres that encompass diversity and to help open minds beyond the classroom.
 - b. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activity - Will be done by staff at both MMES and EES.
 - c. Student Ambassadors will present their work that they do within each school
 - d. Curriculum Guides are being prepared and updated at all grade levels and when completed will be shared with parents and staff.

e. BrainBins donation from PTO: THANK YOU! Hands on, collaborative and social for kids. All classrooms at all grade levels are using the games/activities.

b. Goals and Objectives

The school district received a grant called the “Safe and Supportive Schools”. It will be a part of our work that our council will embark on over the next two years.

- i. Diversity and Equity and Inclusion (DEI)
- ii. Authentic Learning
- iii. Social Emotional Learning

4. Meeting Adjournment