

# MEMORIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES FOR: January 18, 2024

MEETING	MEMORIAL SCHOOL COUNCIL
DATE	1/18/2024
LOCATION	Conference Room
ATTENDEES	John Willis, Lindsey Banks, Sarah Stone, Amy Connors, Samantha Silag, Rene Puopolo Smith, Deb Patuto
ABSENT	Kathryn Taylor
GUESTS	Heather Leonard
RECORDED BY	Deb Patuto

School Council Meeting  
January 18, 2024  
3:00-4:00 P.M. – MMES Conference Room  
*Agenda*

1. Public Comment
2. Burning issues/questions/ideas
  1. Materials:
    - i. Shared Drive: [School Council Shared Drive](#)
3. Budget Update -
  - i. School Committee is looking to target the mid-level budget that would allow us to maintain what we currently have in the budget. Would like to see/push for a higher budget that would include instructional coaches. There is a possibility of expanding school choice middle and high school (20-25 students across grades)
  - ii. Public Hearing - 1.23.24 @6PM - @Essex Elementary -Community members encouraged to come and share what they would like to see next year at the school committee. Encourage voter awareness.
4. School Council Topics
  1. Writing Initiative
    - i. Creative Writing (Creative writing cafe 4-5 grade/Spring)
      - a. Drop everything and write (monthly- all grades)
      - b. Penpals between Manchester and Essex students

- c. Bulletin Boards - Students can put their work on boards for student feedback - Published work will be displayed in library

- d. Public Speaking - Students will be able to read at school wide meetings

- ii. Consistent Organizational Approach

- a. Consistent writing graphic organizers/color coding strategies were encouraged to be used by gr. 1-5

5. School Improvement Plan

- 1. Progress Review

- 2. Goals and Objectives

- 3. Process and timelines

6. Next Meeting: Feb 15, 2024 3:00-4:00

- 1. SIP Progress Review and Look Ahead

- 2. Budget update

7. Meeting adjournment