Abbot Elementary School Advisory Council Agenda Tuesday, March 28, 2023 3:00 to 4:00 / Abbot Library

Members: Peter Myerson, Melissa Richard, Laura Anderson, Chris Stanvick, Jennifer Martinson, TJ Elder, Karen Wiczynski, Prajakta Kale, Julie Murell

1. Abbot / District Updates

*Willy Wonka play was great

*67 kids. Show for the students/staff Friday morning. Outside school was able to view play on Friday night and Saturday. Both shows sold out

*Julie-Would love more notice to the community that performances are happening. Parents are notified, but unless they have a student in the school they are unaware of events happening at the school

*Read Across Abbot was completed this past month. ¹/₃ of the school participated. Kids were very excited, tied in well with the book fair.

*Math night in a few weeks (PTO)

*Spring Fling May 19th (PTO)

*Field Trips-3rd grade will be going to Parkerville, 4th grade to the zoo, 5th grade to boston tea party

*Parents would like clarification on what bagged lunch means for field trips

*Karen will speak to PTO about potentially getting drawstring bags for students to bring with them on field trips

*Interviews have begun for Nabnasset School principal. We're down to three candidates.

2. Budget News

*School budget was passed this past weekend at the town meeting.

*20 sections at Abbot next year. 8 third grade sections, 6 fourth grade sections, 6 fifth grade sections

3. District Feasibility Update

*There are 3 schools in district that need some updating/improvements

*Robinson would be the most reasonable choice

*Statement needs to be submitted to the State for approval

*These could potentially lead in restructuring or redistricting

*6 or 7 years before you get to the finish line

*The state comes back with recommendations "We'll give you the money if you do this"

4. Abbot FY24 School Improvement Plan Draft / Feedback

-Draft presented of school improvement plan

-All three 3-5 schools have the same plan

-Goal 2 strategy 1.2 & 1.3 addresses the launch of the new 3-5 literacy curriculum. Some concern over how this program would be paid for was shared

-Goal 3.1-Administration wants to find a couple ways they can take some things off the plate for staff. They will communicate with other schools.

Goal 4-Work still in progress

-Want to try to find time for teachers to collaborate with each other more often

Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - 3:00 to 4:00