

Abbot School Advisory Council Agenda

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

3:00 Abbot Room C

Attendance: Pete Myerson, Melissa Richard, Laura Anderson, Jillian Trest, TJ Elder, Jessica Evangelista, Anne Pumphrey, Julie Murell, Karen Wiczynski, ~~Juzar Shakir (remote)~~

- Abbot Happenings
 - Science Night - about 50 students limited tickets
 - Wingmasters - 4th grade - great with questioning, a few students were nervous, but they were fine and learned a lot. Afterwards students talked about how they can be camouflaged as you walk around in Westford. Great compliment from the presenter about the student's behavior.
 - Catie's Closet pajama drive, flyer will go out this week
 - Book Fair - school sponsored happening now
 - Holiday Store - TBD
 - For the Love of Erica - Melissa will look into it
 - Book Drive for Up for Books - collected them today - great turnout
 - 5th Grade U Matter Day - science curriculum - hands on rotation through all different classrooms
- District DEI (Diversity, Equity and INclusion) Work and Update
 - District team
 - 3 sub-committees
 - PD
 - Student Handbook
 - Audit company
 - school-based teams
 - Equity Audit - found the company that will come in and visit the schools, talk to teachers, talk to community members throughout the year, money was put into the budget to fund this for this year and next
 - Abbot School meeting
 - How can we focus and embrace without putting more on the teacher's plates? Create a Google Drive to share information for teachers to access as they need. -
 - As a community member - if it is going to a Google Drive, it means it is going there to die. If there is not incentive to use it, it's just another email reminder.
 - Last year we talked about our read-aloud books that we can change up - embedded in our planning
 - EL already has a lot of it embedded into the program
 - Creating the Google Doc allows for a place to "park" things that we are currently doing, allowing us to look back after the audit and see what we have already done

- EL Curriculum Progress/Feedback
 - Teachers are doing a fabulous job, it is HARD. Teacher collaboration has been fabulous. Half of every staff meeting is dedicated to work
 - 3 teachers from Abbot going to Dorchester
 - 3 teachers going to Randolph
 - time to debrief with teachers from those schools both before and after.
 - these districts were recommended by the state for site visits
 - Seeing it in action and room set-up, materials management were all helpful
 - Basic program materials were provided, don't have supplemental materials
- FY 25 Budget Update
 - will be updated at School Committee on Monday, will be a big topic of discussion
- New Parent/Teacher Conference Dates and Times
 - December 13 and 14 12:30-5:00 Signups go out on Friday
 - back to 15 minute conferences
- Questions
 - Would it be helpful for a supply drive for teachers?
 - i. tissues
 - ii. paper towels
 - iii. t-shirt bags
 - iv. sandwich bags
 - Grade level competition - Movie Morning, snowball fights
- Next Meeting December 19, 2023