



WESTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Notice of public meeting

ORGANIZATION: Abbot School Advisory Council Meeting

DATE: February 27, 2024

TIME: 3:00 - 4:00PM

LOCATION OF MEETING PLACE: Abbot Library

REQUESTED BY: Peter Myerson, Abbot School Principal

Notice of every meeting of a local body must be filed and time-stamped with the Town Clerk's Office at least 48 hours prior to such meeting (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays) and posted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law under M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Sec. 18-25. Such notice shall contain a listing of topics that the Chair reasonably anticipates will be discussed at the meeting.

Abbot Advisory Council Meeting Notes / Agenda

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

3:00 to 4:00 / Abbot Library

Members: Peter Myerson, Melissa Richard, Laura Anderson, Lauren Allen, TJ Elder, Jessica Evangelista, Jillian Trest, Anne Pumphrey, Julie Murell, Karen Wiczynski, Juzar Shakir

1. Abbot / District Updates

- Abbot
 - Spirit day Thursday - wear your favorite color
 - last month town-wide chorus concert
 - tomorrow 4-8th grade band students join WA band
 - play practice still occurring, April 5th and 6th (cast, crew, lighting, costume design)
 - will look into permissions for streaming
- District
 - Calendar on the website. tentative Last day June 18th
 - MCAS starting end of March - schedule to families end of this week

2. School Improvement Plan Update / Next Year's Plan

- Goal 1
 - still working on equity audit - just hired a company - need to change timeline
 - ADL curriculum - not used widespread, brought in by the DEI committee. Committee members tried a few lessons
 - quite a few new books, in addition to EL books with diversity



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- celebration of Neurodiversity 3rd week of March
 - open it up to students
- Goal 2
 - Launch of 3-5 Literacy curriculum with UDL principles
 - PD day focus throughout the year
 - Common planning time focus
 - EL walkthrough
 - Hard to see progress because the program moves slowly. As they build the momentum, it will start moving faster
 - Revision of standards based report card- work has not started yet
 - Dibels, Next steps, iReady - being utilized and analyzed. Not much time for Data team meetings
- Goal 3
 - no more night conferences, 15 minutes, optional
 - Spirit stickers
 - Community meetings - need to be more frequent
 - Panorama survey data just came back before break, teachers haven't seen it yet. Gives social/emotional feedback, hard for them to understand the questions
- Goal 4
 - Fresh Start used to be here, but no longer, need to apply for grants
 - talk to Mrs. Blanchard at Nab - got a grant to build around the gardens
 - Crisafulli gardening club
 - Cafeteria about composting?
 - March National Nutrition Month

3. FY 2025 Budget Update / Timeline / Questions

- School Budget was approval last night
- Additional cuts were added - Director of, Equity, Curriculum and Instruction, 2 Curriculum Coordinator (one per k-5 ELA and Math)
- reserve funds reallocated
- town needs around \$6 Million
- without override class sizes will be 24/25, we will lose 4 teachers at Abbot
- Saturday, March 23rd vote to get the prop 2 ½ on the ballot
- May 7th voting

Next Meeting - Tuesday, March 26th - 3:00 to 4:00



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