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AMESBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE
TEACHING AND LEARNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Bank Room, Amesbury High School
June 21, 2021 at 5pm

Present were Maryann Welch (Chair), Peter Hoyt, Abigail Jurist Levy, Lyn Jacques, the Director of Teaching and Learning and Superintendent Elizabeth McAndrews.

Ms. Welch called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Approve minutes from May 10, 2021 meeting

Mr. Hoyt moved to approve the minutes, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved by unanimous consent.

Teaching and Learning Update

- Summer school: Kindergarten through 8th grade will have 3 weeks of general education summer school. The students were identified using midyear MAP scores and the criteria for summer school participation was a score in the 40 percentile or below. 120 students in the elementary level and 42 students in the middle school level are eligible and interested in general ed summer school. The middle school staff will include four math and four ELA teachers lead by Ms. Lingley. There are 11 summer school elementary teacher applicants, including 6 from the district and 5 from out-of-district.
- Reading coach and math interventionist: There have been 6 candidates for the reading coach position but all have little to no knowledge with Wit and Wisdom and reading strategies coaching. Last year was like a Wit and Wisdom pilot so more professional development is needed. There have been fantastic candidates for the math interventionist position. CES has had the most data growth in math.
- Homeschool presentation: This year the district had 100 students homeschooling. Grades 3rd and 7th were the heaviest grades of homeschoolers. The district anticipates some students returned to in-person classes next year.
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee: Will have data points and focus groups in the future. Anticipate a DEI presentation and possible spotlights on Sept. 13.
- Summer to do list: July grant amount is due.
- **Literacy Committee update:** The lead teacher of the committee has resigned which has stalled progress. Fifth grade will be moving to Wit and Wisdom.
- **Data support for ESSER (MAP, dyslexia screening, etc.)**
 - No update
- **Spotlight marketing**
 - No spotlight applications at this time.
- **Other**
 - School Brains: The district will be moving back to Aspen. School Brains was brought to the district unilaterally and little support and/or training was provided.
 - The new IT technician starts on July 6th.

At 6:04 Mr. Hoyt moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Dr. Jurist Levy. Approved by unanimous consent.

Next Teaching and Learning Subcommittee meeting planned for Sept. 7th at 5pm. Proposed agenda items include: dyslexia screening, next steps in DEI, grant entitlements, and ESSER.

Amesbury Teaching and Learning Subcommittee Goal

To serve as a conduit between the School Committee, School Personnel, and Community and ensure that student achievement is the schools' utmost priority. The subcommittee will...

- Regularly review the progress and products of the Teaching and Learning Department
 - Recommend spotlight presentations to share academic successes
 - Advocate for specific policy and budgetary needs that support curriculum, instruction, and accountability
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