



HARWICH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNCIL  
Professional Library  
3:00-4:30 pm

Minutes: Monday, September 24, 2018

Co- Chair: Mary Oldach, Principal

Co- Chair: Adam Capen, Parent Representative

Present: Mary Oldach, Karen Booth, Shannon Reeves, Mary Levy, Katie Carey, John Larivee, Katie Cloney, Meg Shaffer, Justin Tavano, Kathie Smith, Lisa McManamin, Jean Copeland, Rebecca Tobojka

Review of Minutes 6-11-18

The minutes from 6/11/18 were reviewed and approved with the clarification that the MWFK lead teacher candidate was for the summer program.

Council Openings - There are current openings for a PreK parent representative, other community representatives were discussed, such as the Harwich Chamber of Commerce and Brooks Free Library. It was decided that Katie Cloney, grade 1 representative will also represent the PTO. Katie is also the treasurer for the PTO.

## Meeting Dates for 2018-2019

All dates are Mondays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Professional Library.

October 22nd

November 19th

December 17th

January 28th

February 25th

March 25th

April 29th

May 20th

June 3rd

New Staff and Administration Update [Video](#)

This video was shown which highlights the new HES staff.

## 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan

- Castle in the Clouds/ Playground Audit

An audit of the Preschool and Castle in the Clouds playground is being conducted by New England Playground Inspections this fall. The condition of the basketball court surface and hoops were discussed and a more comprehensive recreation project which may include the basketball courts, playing fields, a walking/running path and Little League fields may be considered. The council discussed involving community groups such as: Harwich Recreation Center, Monomoy Youth Basketball, Little League and community contractors as this project progresses.

- Garden Update

Jean Copeland is the courtyard garden coordinator for this year. We are tentatively planning a fall clean up on Veterans Day with the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. Carol Fiocco, District Resource Nurse is looking into a grant available for a sail type shade structure.

- Social Emotional Learning

All preschool, kindergarten, grade 1 and 2 teachers volunteered to pilot the SECOND STEP curriculum in their classrooms. Teachers received training and curriculum kits on August 30th.

- Online Learning Links

There are two new online student resources this school year: RAZKids and MATH iXL

Parents will receive their child's log in credentials no later than fall conferences. All online student resources are linked from our school website.