

Chatham Elementary School Council – 2018-2019

Agenda: 3/7/2019 2:30pm CES conference room

Members:

- Lindsey Bierwith (parent)
- Ann Barnard (Gr 2 Teacher)
- Robin Millen (co-chair, Principal)
- Meghan Lampert (EL teacher, parent)
- Deb Lopes (parent)
- Maegan Storey (co-chair, parent)
- Margaret Turco (Gr 3 Teacher)
- Catherine Ware (Library Media Specialist, parent)
(bold if present)

Agenda:

1. Science and FLES update
2. [SIP update](#)
3. Discussion: [Attendance matters!](#) (school conditions)
4. Other

Minutes:

School Council Meeting – March 7, 2019

- At the last school committee meeting, the school committee members approved Chatham Elementary School and Harwich Elementary School to have a part time U/A stem teacher starting September 2019 and to eliminate the foreign language teaching position. The part time U/A STEM position will be posted Friday, March 8, 2019.
- We will continue to integrating the science model, learning hub, learning commons.
- Dr. Millen would like to offer foreign language after school clubs and asks that we seek people qualified and willing to instruct our students in this area.
- School Council discussed the importance of partial and total immersion instruction in a language and noted that it is important and effective. The pros and cons of this type of instruction were discussed and debated.
- Dr. Millen filled us in on some changes that will be made in the building as a result of a stem lab being created.
- There is an upcoming vote for a CPA Grant. Council members will help get the work out about voting and supporting this playground effort.

- S.I.P. update: We are getting to end of the 1st year of our three year plan. We talked about accomplishments so far. Some steps and actions plan goals have been absorbed into the strategic plan for the district.
- In our SIP, we set a goal to create an Achievement Gap Action (in-school) Network. Last summer, this group was formed and attended Dr. Paul Ash's seminar. However, with the work and partnership that has been developed since, we will explain to the school committee, this June, our intent to rename this committee. Our current working name is the "New Pedagogies for Deeper Learning" (NPDL) scouting team. This name reflects the global partnership and the work and learning this team is immersed in.
- Attendance-we still need to be working on attendance. We've got student council involved. We got our SIMS report-.08 (8%), we need to stay under 10%. We continue to examine the data on chronic absences. Would it be helpful if we changed the dates of our school vacations and the day of our early releases? Dr. Millen would like to run some focus groups about absences.