

**WES School Council Agenda**  
**January 30, 2023**  
**3:45 p.m. at Wareham Elementary School Conference Room**

- 1. Good News**
- 2. Vote on November 28th's minutes**
- 3. Update Strategic Plan/School Improvement Report on Learning Goals**
- 4. Update on Budget**
- 5. WES Handbook 2023-2024, Review**
- 6. Upcoming WES Events and updates to share**
- 7. Any Other business**

WES School Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 28, 2022

**Opening:**

This is the third WES school council meeting of the 2022-23 school year held in the WES conference

room at 3:45 pm on Monday, November 28, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bethany

Chandler, WES Principal

Present:

**New Business:**

Liz Boidi to be designated note keeper. Dr Chandler will do the attendance.

Friends of Jack/Red Tutu fundraiser occurring.

STEAM float for parade went nicely. Had working instruments; creative

NitWits came for breakfast. Currently hand-knit hats and mittens on tree in lobby.

Newspaper updates- Taylor, Wareham Weekly reporter, has been in communication.

o Question if Mr Houlette as advisor?

o Pending response with union to ensure compliance

o Discussion- each grade will be given a column (i.e kindergarteners jokes) and grade 4 will assemble together?

Mr Houdlette "Books for Bunnies" is coming back

Writing Implementation- grades 3and;4 in full force.

o Shows improvements happening organically throughout campus.

**Strategic Plan/School Improvement Plan:**

NO VOTE on plan by school committee.

Wants "ACTION STEPS"; smaller picture focusing on the 'roots up'.

o New improvement plan to be done April 2023

Budget:

Finance and school committee want "LEVEL SERVICE BUDGET".

o Will stay the same but it is still a deficit secondary to salaries and inflation

o 4 million increase

Thurs 12/1 @6pm Wareham MS Auditorium is the re-vote.

o Continues until voted.

Committee very interested in preschool students

o 64 students currently. Looking at increasing and developing pre k but constraints with room capacity.

Handbook 2023-2024:

Early Spring is when voted on by the school committee.

Looking to change verbiage. CANNOT change the state or town driven policies.

New policy to be added under student discipline. Dr Chandler to do.

Other districts handbooks available to compare if wanted

Focus areas:

o Elizabeth reviewing the homework policies

o Dr Chandler wants to review allergies; celebrations; animals in classroom

o Pg 22 and;23- new regulations for in-school suspension to be added.

Now needs due-process, proof, and alternative forms of discipline to be offered

o Pg 29 Transportation discipline process.

Need to include transportation department

Staff want specific time on bus slip. Wants to see if trend is higher in the morning as busses arrive too early-

Dr Chandler's concern is to discipline a student after the fact and when Sheer volume incoming is high.

.Dr Chandler to bring an example of slip

o Pg 49 Retention

Upcoming Events:

12/7 Parent/Teacher conferences.

o 1255pm dismissal

12/10 Holiday Fair

Weekly Bulletin

o Live video to come

o Dr Chandler will do the first, then will alternative with other staff

Feb 2023 Holiday Concert - 2/8/2023 @6pm

Other Business:

Lost and Found- 'epic journey'

- o Lives in cafeteria currently
- o Donated twice a year
- o Rolling racks to come
- \*idea to place stuff out during parent/teacher conferences; holiday fair; FB post?

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:28 pm by Dr. Chandler.