



Maria Weston Chapman Middle School

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MWC School Council Members

- *Matt Meehan, Principal*
- *Caitlin McInnes - Chair*
- *Jonathan Burn - Teacher*
- *Julie Clark - Teacher*
- *Roseane Cajeron - Parent*
- *Chrissy Gavrilov - Parent*
- *Caitlin McInnes - Parent*
- *Michelle Todd - Parent*
- *Lauretta Katides - Parent*
- *Paula Barry - Parent*
- *Nancy Smith - Parent*

March 6, 2023 6:00 pm

Main Office Conference Room

Agenda

Old Business - Review and accept notes from 02/06/23

Open Agenda Items

- School Improvement
Students navigating the school, motivation, acknowledgment, PBIS, better communication of school band and chorus concerts.
- Budget
Human resources, Special education
- Structure of School
Core labs, electives

Open Forum

Minutes of 11/14/22 - accepted on 2/6/23

- Title 1: form came out a while ago but parents might need more information especially if you are waiting for/need more signed consent.

MWC is a Title 1 School, Title 1 supports interventionist, dual teaching model Math/Ela

- Conferences: I know with a large school/classes it is difficult but many parents did not get in to see teachers. Is there any way around this?

Specific time limitations for conferences due to contract.

- Teacher emails: the district website is so difficult to navigate. I know they are looking into making changes but in the meantime, could students get a list of each of their child/Children's team teacher's email addresses? (This could also help with frustration over the lack of conferences)

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- **In progress. All emails are [first name.last name@weymouthschools.org](mailto:first.name.last.name@weymouthschools.org)**
- I saw on Facebook some parents discussing their child's buses being called late or not called at all resulting in kids missing the bus. Wondering if you can offer clarification on this so that if we see this issue come up again we can provide insight for those who are frustrated.

Students are dismissed in order of their bus arrival beginning at 2:45. Students wait in their last class, the bus number is announced over the PA as well as on the screen in their classroom. Walkers/Riders are dismissed at 2:50, and all students at 2:55. If buses are extremely late parents are notified via test.

New Business

- School Improvement:
 - Budget presented at finance meeting
 - Human resources, Special education smaller sizes and grade 6 world cultures.
 - Structure(s) of School - School MWC Improvement Team
 - motivation, acknowledgment, PBIS, better communication of school band and chorus concerts, core labs, electives - how students choose.

Open Forum

Notes:

Agenda
February 6, 2023, 6:00 pm
Main Office Conference Room

Attendance: Matthew Meehan, principal; Parents: Caitlin McInnes, Nancy Smith, Roseane Cajeron, Michelle Todd, Laretta Katidas, Chrissy Gavrilov

Review Meeting minutes: Missing a parent in the “team list” so that was corrected to add Nancy Smith.

- Review conference information shared last time in light of another round of conferences
 - Many mixed reviews re: team conference (only 14 slots as opposed to 5 teachers each having 14 slots).
 - Can they team conference? Or each teacher takes their homeroom students and gives an overview? This could put more strain on the teachers to report for each other
 - REMINDER: If you did not get a conference time please reach out to the teacher(s) and ask to schedule a time outside of the conference night/day
 - 8-8:20 is a known time for parents and teachers to meet

School Improvement:

- **Budget:** asked for 23% increase in operational budget
 - Culinary lab costs \$500-\$800/week in consumables
 - Paper products (e.g. towels) and food
 - Bigger costs= dairy
 - Fab Lab \$5000 out the gate now that it is up and running
 - Inflation impacted the wood order
 - 5 core labs
 - Fab ab
 - Culinary
 - Robotics
 - Environmental
 - Broadcast
 - Original request \$25,000 for these but not enough so asked for 65% increase in this area alone
- **Human resources:**
 - Special education smaller sizes and grade 6 world cultures:
 - Two special education positions: classes sizes too big right now because increase in population
 - Inclusion

- Behavior

Structure of School: School improvement team

- 11 teachers coming in before school with agreement of union
 - Working on scheduling issues and behavior concerns in the building
- Wants parent input on these two items
 - Survey to parents regarding what they like about MWCMS and areas for improvement
- Discussion around increase student engagement... project based learning
 - The school does take “gift donations”
 - toward specific projects is allowed as well
 - We will talk with Assistant Superintendent about rules around donations
- Title I funds go mostly toward interventionists and instructional supports

Core labs, electives (how students choose):

- Restructuring how electives, core labs, and band are chosen.
- Looking to see if the system is fair and who is “locked in”
- Kids are told they can put in choices but it is never a guarantee

Motivation/Acknowledgment/PBIS: 7th and 8th grade have had assemblies by team to acknowledge student achievement. This is part of the PBIS program. PBIS is teacher recognition for student behavior. Each week is theme based. Example: last week was “get to class on time.” Names pulled every other week (-ish) awards are tangible and intangible (e.g. lunch from Main Street, shout outs, working up to movie days)

communication of school band and chorus concerts:

- Changes were communication issue
- Changes happened late because of contract issues.
- Hoping the spring concert will be after school and multiple communications will happen between teachers and the parents

Open Agenda Items: No new information today

Open Forum:

- Question regarding grades in some classes, specifically Core Labs
 - Mr. Meehan will send out “grading codes”
- Lunch issue:
 - Posting the schedule of which teams are called last each day so kids who are “picky eaters” can know they may need to bring a lunch that day
- 2:15 last chance for dismissal is because by the time the child is called after 2:15 by the time the students come down they will be stuck behind busses anyway
 - This is mostly related to not sending a note in advance
 - You can try to dismiss after 2:15 you can but should park elsewhere not in the main lot and must notify school hours in advance

