

Newton Elementary
School Organizational Team Minutes
3-11-25
3:30

The Newton ES School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:30 on 3/11/2025. The meeting was held in the Newton Library and virtually at <https://meet.google.com/bzw-hhch-tmr>.

Voting Members present:

Kasey O'Horo, Parent
Gina Topor, Parent
Rebecca Hickey, Parent
Kristan Sanchez, Parent

Pulamahaheo Berg, Licensed Staff
Samantha Olson, Licensed Staff
Meaghan McGowan, Principal

Non-Voting Members present:

Ms Yelton, Staff
Ashley Johnson, Staff

Members absent:

Lindsey Douglas, Support Staff

Online:

Robin Anderson, Kerri Leonard, Heidi Huckleberry

Agenda Items

1.0 Welcome, Roll Call, & Approval of Minutes The minutes from the meeting dated 2-4-24 were presented and motioned to be approved "as presented" by Kasey O'Horo and Meaghan McGowan seconded the motion.

2.0 Old Items

- 2.1 Budget Review**
- 2.2 School Events/Updates**

3.0 New Items

3.1 Testing Schedule

- a. SBAC testing is quickly approaching for grades 3-5. Kickoff begins March 28, with the ending celebration on April 21. Actual test days: 4/1, 4/2, 4/7,4/8, 4/9, 4/10, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17. Makeup testing 4/18-4/30.
- b. The school is trying to make it fun for kids with a kickoff, incentives for being present each day, extra recess after testing, video messages/notes, and a celebration when done. K-2 doesn't have SBAC. There will be class buddies where older students are matched with younger students.
- c. Results aren't available for SBAC until August.
- d. MAPS testing is for all grades in May. Those results will be available in May.

3.2 School Performance Plan

SPP goals were shared. We are on track for goals!

- Student Success: hoping to meet spring goals MAP testing.
- Adult learning goals have been MET as of Feb. Time to think about the next goal.
- Connectedness goal MET based on panorama survey. Results for the district wide survey haven't been released yet; it will be interesting to see how we compared to last year. We will review this at the next SOT meeting.

3.3 School Events/Updates

Career Day was a great success! The district is still deciding on a new superintendent.

There are a lot of fun upcoming events:

- Spring Break next week
- Moms and muffins: April 9
- Book Fair week of April 9
- Fine arts at the end of April
- Choir show April 22

- Field day is April 25
- 5th grade graduation and pool party in May
- Dance for 4th and 5th, Thursday night, will need volunteers
- Teacher appreciation in May
- There will be awards again this year for students. 1st-4th will be during the day. Kinder has their own and 5th has their own.

4.0 Information

4.1 Next Meeting: Newton Elementary, April 8, 2025 Tuesday at 3:30 in the staff lounge.

4.2 Met with a good candidate for the night custodian position.

5.0 Public Comment Period (Two (2) minutes maximum allotted)

6.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:57 by Kasey O'Horo, 2nd by Samantha Olson.