

John Eliot Elementary
School Council Meeting
1-November-2022

Attendees:

Karen Bourn, Betsy Blumberg Maxwell, Melyssa Taylor, Deb Lee, Patrick Kerr, Kathleen Earley, and Brian Weekes

Guests:

Minutes:

1. Fiscal Year 2023 budget
 - a. Converted Assistant Principal to full time
 - b. Needing teaching assistants for support
 - i. Fully included in planning for the classroom and providing assistance with academics
 - ii. Currently 5 assistant liaisons that are embedded in a particular area
 - iii. Need a 0.6 assistant position for kindergarten for a true inclusion
 - c. Guidance counselor to provide social emotional support and assist teachers
 - i. Need a shared who has access to town resources to assist families in need
 1. Most marginalized families end up not getting bussing services
 2. No longer have access to police officer who acted as liaison for the schools that can check in with families in subsidized housing
 3. Position would be a shared resource
2. Eagle Block ensures students have the required academic skills
 - a. New program created focusing currently on 2nd and 4th grade literacy and math with materials that are science based
 - i. 2nd grade was selected based on data obtained
 - ii. 4th grade was selected based on math shifting to being conceptual
 1. Data analysis on math showed 5th graders were having issues with fractions which is covered in 4th grade
 - b. Meet with students in small groups and identifying areas where additional support is needed for certain students
 - c. Conducting pre and post week assessments for each 8 week groups to track improvements
 - i. No way to measure growth yet
 - d. Goal is a reduction in special education referrals for 4th grade

- e. Will incorporate celebrations at the end of group sessions
- 3. SIP discussion points for Committee meeting
 - a. Implement new math curriculum: Illustrative Math
 - i. How to provide more information to parents to support students
 - ii. Parent Communication - Family Support Materials
 - b. Math night results