



Lowell Public Schools
Moody Elementary School
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Moody Elementary School Site Council Meeting Notes

Welcome/Attendees: Mrs. Keefe, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Golner, Ms. Netishen, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Cowart, Mrs. Angluin, Mrs. DeSousa, Nicole Irvine, Patricia Kennedy.

September Meeting Notes Review:

Moody Demographics, SEL curriculum being implement is going well, afterschool programs going well, MCAS results, Summer Reading and Math, family events, upcoming events (think about how to get more people to attend school events). How can we help the community-we have been in contact with the MSCPA. Grade 3 is going on a field trip November 7, 2018.

Thank you Al Fresca restaurant for supplying the refreshments.

October 2018

School Demographics

We are getting a lot of new students every day. We are getting a lot of students from Brazil. It is very difficult when students are coming in and out. We have 27 students that do not speak English at all. It is very difficult. We do not have newcomer classrooms anymore. We only have a ½ time teacher. Mrs. Martin is helping to provide services to newcomer students in the afternoon. A meeting with the district support specialist brought to light the fact that our ELL room adjacent to the gym is no longer conducive for learning due to allied classes now being held at the same time. We are going to use the STEAM lab in the morning for Mrs. Upton to conduct her classes there. It will impact the library schedule and the STEAM classes so adjustments will need to be made. Space is an issue since we don't have readily available space so we need to be flexible and creative. As of today, we have 287 students. Class sizes are large in the 5th grade.

School Goals

Increase student achievement with academic oral and written discourse. Language has always been a deficit. Students need to be exposed to areas outside of Lowell. For example, we had a whole school beach trip to Wingarsheek Beach and it was enlightening for students who never experienced the beach. Social and Emotional safety is also on our list of goals. We want students to be kind and helpful. Growth Mindset, basically instilling the idea of "you can do it", maybe not yet, but you will at some point. We have attendance issues as well that we are working on.

MCAS

Our 4th grade class did well. Our 3rd grade did not do well at all. 3rd grade had a lot of interrupted learning due to behaviors last year and that was part of the need for the social emotional curriculum. 3rd grade had a strength in craft and structure.

Enrichment Activities

We have a lot of nice enrichment activities. Curiosity Cube came last week. It was awesome! We have to use our money from our budget to pay for these enrichment activities.

Afterschool Program

We have a lot of nice community partners and teachers willing to assist and/or conduct our after school programs. We were able to find a program for every student who wanted to participate in enrichment activities.

Facilities

Slowly we are fixing the building. We love our school and want to stay here. We would like to paint, however that is a city issue-they have limited personnel. We are hoping down the road we can get the school painted. City Council Meeting-They are requesting a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of High and Rogers Street. We had a student get hit by a car last week-she is fine but it is a dangerous intersection and the sun is glaring at the end of the school day.

We will check out the Safety Routes Program to see if they will come out for presentations.

[Safe Routes To School | Mass.gov](#)

Family Events

October 30, 2018 ~ Scary Story Night

November 20, 2018 starting at 8:30 we have a Family Thankful Breakfast

January 2019 ~ Books for Bingo

Upcoming events

A few weeks ago we had the Red Sox mascot come to our school-Wally!

We had the Ned show, which was awesome. The program tied in nicely with our SEL curriculum and Growth Mindset goals.

We are excited to welcome visitors from Germany. Lowell Public Schools has an Exchange Program with teachers from Germany. The teachers will tour our school and have discussions with Mrs. Keefe and staff members.

November 7, 2018 ~ Grade 3 going on a field trip to MSPCA 9-12

November 9, 2018 ~ Grade 1 Museum of Science

November 15, 2018 ~ Veteran's Day Music Show

December 13, 2018 ~ Grinch Night

December 11, 2018 ~ Kindergarten going to the Concord Museum

Next Meeting: November 28, 2018