



NEW TOWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM-

Date: December 13, 2021
Start Time- 2:31p
Adjournment- 3:31p

Team Members: Barbara Fiallo, K; Cheryl Bowman, 1st; Danielle Thompson, 2nd; Patricia Sherman, 3rd; Emily Reyes, 4th; Brooke Thomas, 5th; Stefanie Olszewski, Instructional Support; Dana Crump, EC; Ann Jacobs, AIG; Renee Cunningham, Specials; Melissa Gibson, Teacher Assistant; Kate Hall, Parent; Tracy James, Parent; Rachel Martin, Parent; John Willis, Parent; Catherine Perry, Principal; Lindsey Williams, Assistant Principal

Today's Absences/Substitutes: C. Bowman – Substitute, J. Wiggs; D. Crump – Substitute, C. Stanley
Meeting Guest(s):

Meeting Topics and Desired Outcomes:

1. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – ✓

- P. Sherman, approved
- E. Reyes, seconded
- No refusals

2. Principal's Update Statement – ✓

- PROUD of our hard-working school; teachers, staff, students and parents are doing an amazing job and hoping to continue this strong success through mid-year assessments in January.
- BIG news from UCPS/Board of County Commissioners is they have submitted a proposal with State of NC/Governor's Office to due away with Covid-19 contact tracing and adjusting the quarantine guidelines. At time of meeting, this is a proposal only and the final order from state will not post until late January. The district wants to move to a more "pre-Covid" operation of schools. *It was asked if NTES has any voice or appeal to this proposal; simple answer, no – directives to NTES come from UCPS Superintendent Office and school(s) must comply.
- UCPS has also implemented the return to cafeteria usage in elementary schools for grades K-2; grades 3-5 to follow. This change could have widespread impacts on spreading sickness and current quarantine guidelines/protocols.

3. Media/Technology Advisory Committee (MTAC) Update – ✓

- At this time are no new updates from MTAC

4. Type2Learn Typing Program – ✓

- NTES has purchased the programming for Type2Learn for our students. Current programming is for 2nd-5th grades. Access is available at school and home. Principal Perry is requesting a stronger *push* in programming use, as effectively typing is an everyday skill in today's technology driven world. Would also like to see MyOn and iReady used consistently as aide for students.

5. NTES Parent Survey Data – ✓

- Team reviewed parent survey data from previous school year highlighting these items:
 - *250 parent responses obtained making results valid representations of constituents
 - *Overall, NTES has far more data points in the "good" than "bad" and NTES's overall satisfaction rating is high
 - *Data point regarding school counseling services was discussed; like to have regularly scheduled (monthly) counseling sessions with whole classrooms implemented
 - *Data point regarding coaches/clubs/extracurriculars was discussed; may have been misinterpretation of wording and expectations on survey .. our school does offer many options for students and it was noted that NTES is doing their best to offer 'extras' within Covid-19 constraints
 - *Data point regarding bullying was discussed; parents report that 1 in 5 children has been bullied at NTES. again there may be some misconception regarding the true

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definition of bullying .. but the team would like to work on ways to see this number change. Principal Perry emphasized that NTES focuses on rewarding positive behaviors and praises those actions as the role model to follow.

6. Other Business – ✓

- Shortages in school environment; there are many supply shortages in the school (paper, ink, foods, etc.); these are occurring for a number of reasons both locally and nationally; patience is the only resolution at this time

7. Final Note – ✓

- For the February 14th meeting, please review the link included in this month's agenda regarding UCPS Portrait of a Graduate topic .. <https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/7790>