



NEW TOWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM-

Date: November 8, 2021

Start Time- 2:32p

Adjournment- 3:27p

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:

Meeting Guest(s):

Meeting Topics and Desired Outcomes:

1. Introductions and Welcome – ✓
2. Review of School Improvement Team (SIT) definition and overall goals – ✓
 - As the SIT, we are a group of representatives from all stakeholder positions working to create a better student experience at NTES, as well as make pertinent decisions for NTES as a whole. Our common goal is to design a nurturing, safe, and caring environment that leads to strong classroom instruction and high levels of academic performance.
3. Selection of Team Chairperson and Secretary – ✓
 - John Willis, Chairperson
 - Rachel Martin, Secretary
4. Review of SIT Meeting Schedule – ✓
 - Virtual meetings will be held once monthly on Mondays at 2:30pm
 - See complete schedule in footnote
5. Principal's Update Statement – ✓
 - HAPPY to be AT SCHOOL, despite the ongoing challenges Covid-19 still brings to our community
 - School year is moving quickly, we are nearing the end of 1st semester
 - Assessment data from previous academic year has returned and we are VERY PROUD of NTES's accomplishments; last year was VERY challenging and our school community overcame and thrived.
 - Boosterthon/Dance Fit is in full swing and going well. Classes earning monies and incentives for NTES. Dance Fit will take place November 12.
6. Discussion of Media/Technology Advisory Committee – ✓
 - Welcome to MTAC! (being part of NTES SIT automatically places you on this team) MTAC is a UCPS initiative that will support the school system's Media Specialists. Currently, Media Specialists -solely- hold the burden of decision making in terms of purchasing content AND content challenges; under the current policies we will be responsible as well. Moving forward, our SIT will be presented with a list of materials for review and approval prior to purchase. **All materials lost during the Covid-19 school year have been identified and replaced; they are not part of the new initiative, rather part of a recovery effort**
7. Review/Discussion of School Improvement Plan (NCStar) – ✓
 - After completing a comprehensive needs assessment, NTES identified 4 goals/areas for school improvement. Our school has new goals and ongoing goals this academic year. Throughout year the SIT will work in these four areas; 1. multi-tiered intervention system to aid instruction, 2. social and emotional support for students, 3. administrative accountability in curriculum and classroom instruction, and 4. professional development programs- LETRS.
8. Other Business – ✓
 - None addressed

Future Meeting Dates: December 13, February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9

9. Final Note – ✓

- For the December 13th meeting, please review the data emailed regarding NC Star and UCPS Parent Survey; we will be looking into the data and devising goals to help change the percentages.