



**NEW TOWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM-

Date: April 11, 2022
Start Time- 2:31p
Adjournment- 3:23p

Team Members: Barbara Fiallo, K; Cheryl Bowman, 1st; Danielle Thompson, 2nd; Patricia Sherman, 3rd; Emily Reyes, 4th; Brooke Thomas, 5th; Stefanie Olszewski, Instructional Support/Vice Principal; 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

Today's Absences/Substitutes: Absent, Cheryl Bowman – Substitute, Stephanie Geoffrion; Absent, Brooke Thomas – Substitute, Connie Costain; Absent, John Willis – Substitute, n/a

Meeting Guest(s):

Meeting Topics and Desired Outcomes:

1. Principal's Update Statement – ✓

- Spring Break is here! Few days of school and then we will all get much deserved break.
- The annual 'Baskets' Raffle will take place on Friday, April 29th. This is our first BIG school-wide event in two years and it brings both excitedness and worries.
- NTES has been planning/doing a few "extra" events for the fifth-grade class. This particular group missed many big activities due to Covid and planning restrictions, so we are trying to make the final days of elementary school as amazing as we can.
- Educationally our NTES students are doing a fabulous job; with spring weather, exciting events, and all restrictions gone, *behaviorally* we have seen an uptick in Principal referrals/visits

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

- Some big updates to the MTAC area at NTES, per UCPS School Board Meeting .. New policy; Policy 5-1, Approval of Materials.
 - : Going forward, all supplemental materials used in classroom will need to be approved by the MTAC committee – this includes all classroom libraries, read-aloud, hand-made materials, internet items
 - : Core resource materials provided by UCPS are excluded in MTAC review
 - : *Caveat* UCPS is still working on processes and forms, so this will all be handled as a "work-back" process mainly – next year anything new can follow process *should it be set*
 - : MTAC will have to elect a specific 'Review sub-committee' to handle challenges/objections
- As an elementary school, NTES, is lucky that there are very few titles/supplemental readings that will be challenged
- NTES overall does a great job, don't worry .. we will move forward together as information becomes available

3. NTES Lunch Monitoring – ✓

- Currently we are allowing parent lunch visitors via sign-up .. it has become a problem on number of fronts: management, miscommunication, misuse/monopolizing
- Discussion had and decision made to abandon the sign-up and allow visitors on a 'first come first serve basis' .. if full in cafeteria, families can eat outside or have to drop off food and go
- NTES still operating on a 'no lunch visitor policy' for last two weeks of school
- Lunch discussion ebbed to noise issues in cafeteria – each grade level is to meet and talk about management ideas to present to group as whole

4. Other Business – ✓

- None addressed

5. Final Note / Preparation for Next Meeting – ✓

- None addressed

Future Meeting Dates: May 9