



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

Date: March 14, 2022

Start Time- 2:31p

Adjournment- 3:07p

**Team Members:** Barbara Fiallo, K; Cheryl Bowman, 1<sup>st</sup>; Danielle Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Patricia Sherman, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Emily Reyes, 4<sup>th</sup>; Brooke Thomas, 5<sup>th</sup>; 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, Dana Crump – no Substitute; Absent, Renee Cunningham – Substitute, Daniel Pena; Absent, Tracy James – Substitute, n/a; Absent, John Willis – Substitute, n/a

**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 –** ✓

- 3 months... there are only 3 months of school left. Wow!
- Covid-19 Update... All Covid restrictions have been lifted, with only a few personal/student plan exceptions. This means no masks, no social distance, cafeteria open, joint recess, field trips allowed, parents in building... This also means that Covid mentor/tutor hours are being reduced significantly, as quarantined student numbers have drastically dropped.
- NTES is scheduling Spring tornado, fire, and lockdown drills, be advised.
- Cafeteria has moved back to self-serve. Classrooms are getting acclimated to the new process and we are still facing a few staffing cafeteria issues, but overall, this is positive direction.
- NTES had Spring Security Assessment, completed by an UCPS SRO, and we were praised for our safety and security. Thank you, and please, keep up the vigilance in protecting our students.
- End of Grading Period is Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> is a Teacher Workday.
- Follow up from last month meeting, DLI Spanish Program... There has been interest from parents and the lottery registration opened. Next steps are underway to move this program forward.

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

- NTES received an order of books purchased with the federal relief funds. Mrs. Cunningham was glad to receive them – finally, as it has been a process. Also, very excited to have books that students really enjoy, while being able to update media collection.
- There are currently no book challenges or requests to ban books; credit given to Mrs. Cunningham and staff for having high quality, appropriate, child friendly readings.

**4. ESSER –** ✓

- ESSER, Elementary School Emergency Relief Funds, have funded a 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Math Tutor. This is amazing news and such a benefit to NTES. Mrs. Lindsay LaBrie is helping students strengthen their math skills with the goal of improving their overall skill set and maintaining grade level work.

**5. EVAAS –** ✓

- The EVAAS numbers have been released... These numbers provide school and teacher growth information and compares NTES with other state schools/learning institutions. Our school EVAAS score was tremendously positive; thanks to the hard work of our students, families, and of course, our teachers. But, we need to be mindful of the comparisons in this particular set of

**Future Meeting Dates: April 11, May 9**

data. NTES is being compared to schools that did, and did not, return to school in-person due to Covid-19 restrictions. Fact of the matter is – NTES performed extremely well last year and over the past several years and will continue to strive toward high achievement.

**6. Other Business –** 

- Books via Media Center/Library Check-out: Could we go back to selecting books off shelf and also selecting more than one book? Will be discussed with Mrs. Cunningham.

**7. Final Note / Preparation for Next Meeting –** 

- None addressed