



NEW TOWN
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
-SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM-

Date: 12-7-2020
Start Time- 2:31p
Adjournment- 3:04p

Team Members: Jennifer Mace, K; Cheryl Bowman, 1st; Christine Tweddle, 2nd; Patricia Sherman, 3rd; Jennifer Grieco, 4th; Karen Taylor, 5th; Stefanie Olszewski, Instructional Support; Heather Blum, EC; Renee Cunningham, Specials; Monica Oliviero, Teacher Assistant; Rachel Martin, Parent; Kate McBride, Parent; Adriana Moreno, Parent; Cindy Phillips, Parent; Catherine Perry, Principal; Lindsey Williams, Assistant Principal

Today's Absences/Substitutes:

Meeting Topics and Desired Outcomes:

1. Principal's Update Statement – ✓

- Calendar update for UCPS: Monday, December 21 has been reassigned to a Remote Learning Day for elementary (and middle) schools
- It is Computer Science Education Week! Throughout the building and classrooms students will be encouraged to think in new "technology/computer driven" ways, as well as learn about the contributions and impact of Computer Science to date.

- ****COVID-19****

NTES has seen a spike in cases. (4 in week expanse) Union County Health Dept. and UCPS are on alert for NTES cases and are monitoring the school closely. At this moment, the numbers do not justify a school-wide closing. However, numbers are not trending in our favor. This has caused increased stress for all persons connected to NTES (teachers, staff, families). Principal Perry has been explicitly clear with families regarding the cases and protocols. Safety for personnel and students is paramount; and she believes that HONESTY, *from staff and families*, in exposure and/or symptoms is the key to moving forward. That stated, school could be closed at any time/moment, whether that be state mandated or county appointed. The guidelines are in constant flux and Principal Perry is working with officials to ensure NTES is following the correct procedures. Several staff and parent questions were asked and answered; those questions were related to specific situations and not the greater population of NTES.

2. Review/Discussion of School Improvement Plan (NCStar) – ✓

- Continuation of the 4 goals and objectives is needed, and the current school year will focus on data collection and monitoring goal progress. Work samples and pertinent information will need to be uploaded. *January meeting will have heavy focus here.

3. Other Business – ✓

- None addressed

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (November) – ✓

- P. Sherman approved minutes
- J. Grieco seconded
- No refusals