Cabot School Sustainability Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes of August 20, 2024 Meeting Cabot School Library

In attendance: Stef Burtt, Melissa Pratt, Johanna Thibault, Amy Richardson, Rebecca Nally, Jennifer Blake and Chris Tormey

Meeting began at 6:35 PM

1. **Draft minutes** of committee's August 5th meeting were reviewed and approved

2. Amy Richardson suggested that an update on the school's climate/behavior system be added to tonight's agenda. Committee members **unanimously approved the agenda** including that addition.

3. **Discussion:**
   -Amy reported that a survey of staff with specific questions regarding the behavior/discipline system had been circulated to staff and completed by many of them. After more of the staff complete the surveys they will be used by school staff to determine how the current system might be improved. Cabot School Principal Jennifer Blake added that there will very likely be changes made to the system during the first weeks of school. Those changes will be communicated to the school community.
   - Dr. Blake reported that it would work better for staff to combine the "Welcome Back" event with the first Open House at school. She suggested that the event take place on Friday evening, Sept. 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 on the CSPAC lawn. Committee agreed to that, and discussion ensued on publicizing the event and also the type and amounts of food to be served. Amy offered to develop a spreadsheet for committee members to use to record their contributions of food for the event. Funding was discussed; various members offered to contribute to the food fund and donations will also be accepted at the event.
   -Dr. Blake reported that staff members were very excited to participate as presenters at the next Community Forum scheduled for 6:00 - 8:00 PM on Monday Sept. 16th at CSPAC. Presenters have been lined up to present how PBL ("project-based learning")works at the elementary, middle school and

high school level and how the students' work connects with learning goals in the curriculum. Discussion about reaching out to both school families as well as home-school and other-school families to attend the event, ask questions of the presenters, and overall develop a better understanding of PBL.

4. Group postponed setting a **date for next meeting** (wait until Sept. 16 forum to determine date).

5. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:45 PM

Minutes by Chris Tormey