Cabot School Sustainability Committee

Approved minutes of January 7, 2026 Meeting Cabot School Library

In attendance: Becky Nally, Stef Burtt, Theresa Lay-Sleeper, Steve Owens, Melissa Pratt, Amy Richardson and Chris Tormey

Meeting began at 4:00 PM

1. **Draft Minutes** of the committee's December 3, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. **This afternoon's meeting agenda** was reviewed and approved.

3. **Discussion: Update of progress on initiatives discussed at 12/3 meeting:**

a. **Making home-school families aware of Cabot School offerings:**
HS: Info on "project studios" for Semester 2 (which starts Tuesday Jan. 20) received from Jackie Batten.
Middle School: waiting to get info on Sem 2 offerings.
Elementary grades: in interest of confidentiality, committee agreed simply ask interested home- school parents to contact the school office/Principal for specific times of specials in elementary grades
Getting the word out: Stef agreed to send the accumulated info about school offerings to home school families during the week of January 12-16. Chris will gather pieces about offerings and forward to Stef. Steve Owens offered to walk interested home school families around school to familiarize them as needed.

b. Better publicizing what's happening at Cabot School
Becky: Peter Stratman is working on identifying a MS student or two willing to take photos of interesting learning activities at school for sharing on the school website , Facebook. , etc. Melissa shared current Cabot School Facebook page address with the committee; Jennifer Tidd is able to post news items on this page. Discussion about upcoming Cabot HS Exhibition Night and concert on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM: Chris will share overview of activities that evening w/ Front Porch Forum

and Jennifer Tidd. Amy will work on getting her students to produce a poster for the event.
Steve is working on putting Cabot students' work out into the community (easier for community members to see than making a special trip into school).
He will reach out to Cabot library and the Den to arrange this.

c. **Increase number of volunteers coming into school to share expertise:**
Chris has received one letter of interest so far from community member.

d. **Plan, facilitate "Community Night" in gym on February 19, 2026:**
Chris: after discussions with staff and Steve Owens, teachers do not have enough lead-time to pull this off successfully this year (though quite possibly next if they can begin planning for it at the start of the school year.)
Chris spoke with Peter Stratman about reviving the production/mailing out of a "Cabot School Report " to all Cabot mailboxes prior to Town Meeting Day. This document will highlight interesting units/projects happening in every classroom, so community members have an inside look at the learning (methods and results) that's taking place across the campus.
Chris shared copies of earlier version of this Report from 2009. Peter Stratman volunteered to pitch this idea to Cabot teachers early next week (Jan 12) and to coordinate collection of these "snapshots" from each class (3 paragraphs, 2-3 photos, example of student work).
Chris will investigate layout and printing/ mailing; administration is supportive.
More on this at Feb. meeting.

4. Next Meeting set for Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 4:00 PM

5. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

(Notes by Chris Tormey)