

Cabot School Sustainability Committee

Unapproved Minutes of March 12, 2025 Meeting

Cabot School Library

In attendance: Rebecca Nally, Jennifer Blake, Eric Nelis, Stef Burt, Theresa Lay-Sleeper, Melissa Pratt, and Chris Tormey

Meeting began at 4:40 PM

1. **Draft Minutes** of the committee's January 29th meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. **Tonight's meeting agenda** was reviewed. After adding a discussion item on preparations for Teacher Appreciation Week the agenda was approved
3. **Discussion:**
 - a. Planning for PBL outreach:

Jennifer has decided to hold the Parents' Night in early May because of scheduling conflicts with statewide testing before that time. Thus two big outreach efforts in May: Parents' Night in early May and Open House/Exhibition of Learning later in late May.

Discussion on general ways to publicize school's offerings led to general consensus that development of both a paper brochure and a brief video would be valuable. Chris will work with Jennifer during the first week in April to visit classrooms to get photos and video of students working on PBL projects- these can be added to Jennifer's weekly newsletter as well as built into eventual brochure/video.

Theresa offered to help as needed w/ filming.

Discussion on outreach to newspapers about events in May: we can contact them in April to suggest an article highlighting PBL projects at the school and announcing the specific events in May.
 - b. Other efforts to improve sustainability:

General discussion about other valuable parts of Cabot School that should be highlighted beyond PBL: Arts offerings, strong relationships between students and staff. These could be incorporated into brochure/video. Chris will forward to committee

members a digital version of a brochure developed about Cabot High School several years ago. Question about publicizing Cabot School results of most recent assessments in reading and math. Jennifer: those results will be presented at the next school board meeting.

- c. Legislature's progress on Governor Scott's school transformation plan
Brief discussion on progress thus far on plan, which is now contained in a bill (H. 454) being examined by the House Education Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee. A lot of questions on key parts of the bill: mandated class and school minimum sizes, continuation of free school meals, where savings will be realized. Question on how much of the plan will be able to be considered and potentially approved during this session.
 - d. Committee discussed plans for Teacher Appreciation Week during the first week in May: reminder to forward additions to Jennifer by Friday, April 18.
4. **Next meeting** set for Wednesday April 9 at 4:30 PM. Focus: planning and outreach for Parents' Night and Open House/PBL Presentation of Learning events in May.
5. **Meeting adjourned** at 5:25 PM.

Notes by Chris Tormey