

EASTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
EASTON, MA

EASTON MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, February 2, 2023

**Minutes of the EASTON MIDDLE School Council Meeting, February 2, 2023**, Meeting convened at 6 p.m. Present by roll call: Faculty members: Luke Carroll, Suzanne Lynn, Lindsay Whalen; Parent members: Jen Daly, Kessena Goncalves, Lisa Tabbeh

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m..

**Approval of meeting minutes from October 6, 2022**

Lindsey Whalen moved to accept the minutes as written, Jen Daly seconded. Minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0.

**Handbook changes:**

- The council voted to approve EMS school handbook changes
- The changes were brought to two Easton School Committee meetings; the proposed changes have been sent back to the council for a vote
- In the dress code section, the committee suggests removal of the words “revealing or immodest”;
- The committee also urges the removal of language suggesting students committing acts of vandalism would be turned over to the police for prosecution; language that is less harsh will replace it
- The address for the superintendent’s office is updated for the current location at 48 Spooner Street
- The section on accelerated placement for math has been clarified to better reflect the guidelines and recommendation process; the language now matches information distributed to parents
- In the Health section, changes to a section on medication

**Motion to accept the minutes with changes by Jen Daly. Lindsey Whalen seconds. By a vote of 6-0, the changes were accepted.**

**EMS Update:**

- RO is evaluating a **major building project that would improve recess area and outdoor learning areas**; the project has expanded in scope and will include representatives from both EMS and RO, potentially from either the Parent Advisory Council or the School Council. There are three different projects proposed. RO Principal Chris Getchell is hoping to assemble a coalition for outside fundraising, and the project would likely involve the Recreation Department, School Committee, grant funding and other outside sources. There will be a Zoom meeting on 2/6.

- **Pack-the-Gym:** Thursday, February 9. The boys will play first, followed by the girls. It will be preceded by a rally in the cafeteria and will involve music, half-time activities and raffles. This year's girls' basketball was opened to grade 6-8; the council discussed the sports available to each grade in each season.
- **STEM Week:** EMS will be holding STEM Week February 14-16. While it is not aligned with the timing of Massachusetts STEM Week, teams have chosen the best activities from the original programming.
- EMS will welcome the **I Love Me** program funded by Easton's Raising Multicultural Kids, by Jacquie Williams. The 5 week afterschool program will focus on inner beauty, body image and other topics and will be held on 5 Wednesdays in March.
- **March Madness** starts in March by Easton Recreation Department on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- There has been a greater emphasis for **wearing Student IDs**; enforcement is gentle, so parents should not have to panic about delivering forgotten IDs to school.
- The **E-HallPass** has started in EMS as a pilot program, after which time the faculty will evaluate its effectiveness.
- The **EMS Yearbook is looking for baby pictures** for grade 8 students.
- The **Muscato Mile** this fall was successful.

**The next meeting will be Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m.**

**Adjournment:**

**Vote to adjourn the meeting by a roll call vote of 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

LW/ KG 6-0

Minutes Recorded by

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