



Somerville Public Schools
West Somerville Neighborhood School
177 Powder House Blvd
Somerville, MA 02144

West Somerville School Council Meeting Agenda
Jan 17, 2023

1. Approved December Minutes
2. Principal Update
 - a. Playground Update
 - i. Finishing field, waiting for parking lot & parking lines, bike racks started, fence and netting
 - b. Staff Update
 - i. $\frac{7}{8}$ Alison Kase parental leave
 - ii. Susan Gardener Library sub may move to Art
 - iii. Looking for subs throughout the district
 - iv. Starting process of hiring next principal
 1. Kim going back to Assistant Principal
 2. Isabel Barros back to Dean of Students
3. PTA Update
 - a. Festival of Lights Feb 2 @ 5:30
4. Staff Update
 - a. Concert Thursday 9am masking requested. Concert colors Navy and White. Not being live streamed.
 - b. 2nd Quarter coming to a close
 - c. Kindergarten key swipe wires have been run
 - d. Middle School field trip to Frog Pond for ice skating
 - e. 3rd Grade are going to Museum of Science
 - f. 2nd Grade screening of Harry Potter at Davis Square Movie Theatre
5. SFLC Update
 - a. Indoor markets were successful. They will continue indoors for February and March.
 - b. Snap Benefits were given extra money from 2020. The extra money has now been cut. Somerville is looking for different ways to help families.
 - c. PTA emergency funds were given to assist families during our school breaks. \$50 for 1st child \$25 each additional child.
 - d. Parent Teacher conferences looking for zoom option

- e. Parent/Guardian MBTA pass for people who show need from school registration 1200 pass to give out to families. 6th graders can get discounted MBTA passes. Parents will still need to add money to the discounted card.
6. Parent Update
- a. Stem night has had their first meeting
 - b. Middle school parents are not sure what happens when kids go High School. Can we have parent support?
 - i. Feb open house tours for incoming freshmen. Possibly Feb 8th?
Planning meeting for parents?
 - ii. Lee Ann to add SHS tour dates to Friday Memo
 - c. Dates for summer programming- helpful to release dates and programs sooner
 - i. HUB on SPS website
 - ii. Book of camps and activities in the works
 - d. Students request more time to eat.