



3/9/23, 3pm - 4pm, In-Person, main office conference, Sanborn building (835 Old Marlboro Road, Concord, MA)

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2022/2023 School	2022/2023 School Improvement Plan		

Improvement Plan	
School Improvement Goal Update #1: Challenge Success School Council Working Group Update, Ryan Lambert	
School Improvement Goal Update #2: Grading Practice Faculty and Staff Working Group, Assistant Principal Olive Bradford	
Recommendations for any policy or rule (handbook change) due to this group, the School Council, bu Thursday, April 6	
Student Council Update	
PTG Update	
Public comment 2	
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Challenge Success	<p>Alisa Andrews of Challenge Success zoomed in and discussed a variety of programs and initiatives that other districts she has worked with that CMS may want to implement. Justin spoke about the Shadow Day that took place in 2018 when 10-14 adults shadowed students in order to get a sense of their schedules and how their days unfold. This was very important as it allowed</p>								

	<p>adults to experience how things were from the students' perspective. The data collected and analyzed from this shadow day was used to reform and implement changes to the master schedule, including adding hB to every day, incorporating passing time between the periods, and adding a morning snack/recess. There are plans for a Shadow Day (or possibly a week) to happen before the end of this school year and Justin will form a working group in order to make this happen. The first meeting will be on March 3. In addition, there was an informative conversation regarding technology and the benefits and drawbacks of it at CMS. Students gave their insights into using their laptops past a certain hour as they are often up late doing homework. Parents voiced concern over homework that actually looks more like games.</p>
<p>Student Council Update</p>	<p>The Student Council has been busy with planning the events that took place during the home basketball games as well as the recent Spirit Week. There will likely be another Spirit Week later in the year. In addition, an evening of entertainment is in the works that will feature a magician.</p>
<p>PTG Update</p>	<p>The PTG will have a fundraiser on Friday, March 24 that will raise money for the upcoming 8th grade trip to Washington, DC. The hope is that many families from the elementary schools will also attend and it will be a fun and successful event for all.</p>
<p>Public comment 2</p>	<p>n/a</p>
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Challenge Success	<p>Alisa Andrews was unable to Zoom in. Hopefully she will be available at a future date.</p> <p>Alisa Andrews, from Challenge Success is planning on Zooming in to the School Council at approximately 3:10pm. Alisa has worked with the Institute for Social Emotional Learning and through Stanford University's Challenge Success, consulting with schools and organizations across the country working to build a healthy school climate and to increase student engagement and</p>								

well-being. As a co-founder of Institute for Social Emotional Learning, Alisa draws on her experience at the classroom and school district level and leads sessions on fundamental SEL skills, cooperative play, and the interconnection of self-to-others.

Alisa graduated from Middlebury College and holds a Masters in Education from Stanford University, with a focus in Policy, Organization and Leadership Studies. Alisa is inspired by her colleagues, teachers and students and is grateful for her four young children who are her greatest teachers in this work.

Taken from: <https://www.instituteforsel.net/team/alisa-andrews>

Student Council Update

Nothing to update currently.

PTG Update

N/A

Public comment

N/A

Future meetings:

No December meeting
~~Thursday, January 12, 3pm - 4pm~~
Thursday, February 16, 3pm - 4pm
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A review of Roberts Rules of Order before reviewing and possibly voting on the 21/22 School Improvement Plan that was brought	<p>VIDEO</p> <p>The video explained how voting is to be handled during council meetings.</p>								

together, in part, by the 2020/2021 School Council this past spring	
Review of 2022/2023 School Improvement Plan	<p>2022/2023 School Improvement Plan</p> <p>The School Improvement Plan is based on a 5-year district strategic plan. A new 5-year plan is being drafted for the '23-'24 school year.</p> <p>Everyone asked to review this on their own.</p>
Challenge Success	<p>Would this year's School Council be interested in taking on Challenge Success as this year's charge? Discussion of how Challenge Success had implemented No Homework Weekends in an effort to reduce scheduled homework. A Challenge Success consultant is being brought in for CCHS and CMS only.</p>
Student Council Update	<p>Discussion of how the Student Council had previously enacted a change of the school dress code based on recommendations. The Student Council discussed the planning for the Halloween Social, the timing of lunches as well as scheduling classes. The implementation of the paw stickers emphasizing compassion was explained as being a response to a wave of bad choices students across the country were making in response to tik tok trends that emphasize students destroying school bathrooms. An effort was made to humanize building services workers by introducing them and modeling compassion. This was the birthplace of the paw stickers. A conversation was had regarding the paw stickers and if the system was working as it should be. The opinion was voiced that perhaps the stickers were not having the desired effect as some students were behaving in a certain way in order to receive stickers, trade stickers, etc. Also, some students felt that certain teachers do not give the paw stickers out freely.</p>
PTG Update	<p>Great support of the Playbook initiative. There are 97 student leaders signed up to attend the Playbook Training on October 28. The PTG has retained poet Porsha Olayiwola to attend the Playbook assembly and read her poem "Sestina" that she read at the NBA event honoring Bill Russell.</p>
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