

North Pembroke Elementary School
School Council Meeting #5
Approved unanimously on April 27, 2015
February 23, 2015

Present:

Staff: David Summergrad, Principal, co-chair, Michael Murphy, Assistant Principal, Kathy Lang, Kindergarten Teacher, and Elizabeth Woods, 4th Grade Teacher

Parents: Lesley Battell, co-chair, Pam Roy, Donna Woods

Community Members: Kate Nugent and Vickie Panacy

1. Minutes from January 12, 2015 were approved unanimously (to be posted)
2. How is the roof holding up with the snow – all is well so far, custodians have done some shoveling over entrances
3. Update on the *FastLane* Dismissal pilot program – we are up and running, and the two staff members on duty are refining the system each day. We need another 40+ photos taken for IDs. David has sent out a request for a parent volunteer to help Jen Johnson with the photos.
4. **School Budget** Updates: MOE Budget – the School Committee will continue to meet (weekly in March: March 3, 10, 17, and 24) to refine the budget numbers and to determine the necessary cuts and then to identify a restorative budget list.
5. **Guest: Nadine Doucette:** Food Service Director for Pembroke Public Schools – Nadine explained that the food service operation must be self-supporting (it is not subsidized but the school district. She has ambitious plans to make lunches more nutritious and more appealing, while increasing participation in the program. She stressed that she is working with her staff throughout the system on being more welcoming, and she is contemplating some theme days in the future (*Meatless Mondays, Taste-test Tuesdays, and more!*) She also shared that the system never denies a child a lunch, even when they have no money in their account. The lunch program is owed over \$40,000 from some families who have not paid their child's bills. The Council encouraged her to seek support from the respective PTOs.
6. **SIP Update:** The North Pembroke School Improvement Plan was accepted by the School Committee on 2/17/15.
7. **Social Thinking Curriculum** – some early numbers: we have seen a 50% reduction in the number of children being sent to the office in the first half of the school year!
8. **PARCC and MCAS** – the DESE has allowed an extension of the respective testing windows for these statewide assessments due to the many missed days of instruction (snow days!).
9. Other topics for our consideration this school year may include: supporting the technology initiative in the schools, understanding curriculum assessment data, school climate, and more!