

Newton Middle School Building Accountability Committee Meeting: September 21st, 2023, 4:00 pm.

Members Present: Laura Reeves, Dale Knipp, Melisa Roth, Leslie Gardner, Betsy Poell, James O'Tremba

Members Not Present: Dawn Johnson, Sierra Loar, Megan Tornello Chelsea Carstensen

4:01 pm: James opened up the meeting.

Welcome and Introduction: James welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly outlined the responsibilities of the committee and introduced the members. Each member then introduced themselves and briefly outlined who their student was and their interest in the committee.

DAC Update: Melisa Roth was introduced and serves as our district representative. Melisa has served in this capacity over the past few years as she had a daughter go through Newton and currently has a son in eighth grade. [Please click here](#) to review Melisa's notes from the DAC meeting on the evening of September 20th.

Topics For Discussion: James reviewed his retirement and outlined the process for hiring this spring. Which will include Clay Abila, Director of Secondary Education visiting one of our meetings in October or November to provide further details regarding the hiring process and how our members can be involved. James also asked for ideas for future meetings to be generated. We will review the UIP in either October or November, other suggestions included students visiting, Leslie offered to bring some students who are involved in No Place for Hate or PBIS. Other topics will include budget review and staffing in January and February time frame, Open Enrollment and Enrollment numbers etc. Members can email James with any other topics they would like considered.

A discussion ensued toward the end of the meeting regarding our test scores and growth over the past few years. James suggested we have Brian Wyckhuse attend a meeting and present some data.

The meeting dates for the remaining part of the year were reviewed. They are: October 26th, November 16th, January 18th, February 15th and March 14th. All meetings are at 4:00 pm here at Newton Middle School.

4:50 pm: The meeting was adjourned.