



Commack Middle School

an International Baccalaureate World School

CMS SBMT

Meeting Minutes

3/23/21



- Meeting was conducted via ZOOM
- Committee Members in Attendance:
 - Staff: Dr. Larson, Ms. Cárdenas, Ms. Greco, Mr. Harris, Mr. Patrissi, Mrs. Vaughn, Mr. Williamson
 - Parents: Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Fein
- 1. **February minutes were approved**
- 2. **Building Happenings**
 - a. Student Transitions: Lockers, Mobility
 - Students and staff are comfortable with the volume in the hallway
 - Sixth grade assimilated well to the new transition
 - Parents feel students adjusted well
 - Parents asked that teachers remind students to sanitize desks before eating lunch
 - b. Grade 5-6 Parent Orientation
 - Video sent to parents
 - School will provide in-person orientation either this year or the start of next year
 - Request by parents for 8th grade transition night at CHS.
 - c. Sports, Testing of Athletes
 - Fall sports in March
 - Football testing on a weekly basis with six students at a time
 - Parents will receive notification of testing the night before
 - May 10th, spring sports begin. Lacrosse will follow football testing procedures
 - We will be following the high school student athlete testing model, which has been very successful
 - d. ELA/Math Examinations
 - ELA exams will take place on April 21st and 22nd
 - One book will be administered with no extended responses (ELA)
 - Exams will be untimed
 - Opt-out letters requested from parents/guardians sooner rather than later
 - e. Grade 8 Trip
 - Adventureland trip will take place on May 18th for A and B Day students.
 - A-Day students must be dropped off at school that morning
 - Field trip will be three hours with exclusive park access for CMS students and staff
 - RSVP by April 23
 - f. Focus Groups
 - Discussed what worked well and what could change
 - Also discussed technology and its use in the classroom
 - Students should use technology to enhance their learning, but not become reliant upon it
 - Hand-written study skills and note-taking skills are still essential
- Meeting was adjourned

Date	12/1/20	1/26/21	2/23/21	3/23/21
Who?	M. Larson	M. Schwartz	E. Greco	B. Williamson
Date	4/27/21	5/25/21		
Who?	S. Dagastine	R. Harris		

Role of SBMT

“The purpose of school-based planning and shared decision making shall be to improve the educational performance of all students in the school, regardless of such factors as socioeconomic status, race, sex, language background, or disability.”
(NYSED.gov)

According to our school policy we **are able** to discuss:

- School outcomes/goals/results
- Curriculum and instruction
- School environment
- Scheduling
- Parent Education/Workshops
- Communication Improvements

We **CAN NOT** make any decisions that:

- differ from New York State Learning Standards
- relate to funding
- will affect other schools in addition to CHS
- affect labor contracts
- affect staff assignments, evaluations, discipline