

Newton Elementary
School Organizational Team Minutes
Date: 10/8/26
3:30-4:30

Link to SOT Drive:  NEW (SOT) 26-27 School Organizational Team October 2026-Sept...

The Newton ES School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at 3:30 on 10/8/26 .

The meeting was held in the library and virtually at <https://meet.google.com/bzw-hhch-tmr>.

Members present:

Meaghan McGowan
Gina Topor
Megan Franke
Alana Horton
Lindsey Douglas
Kelsey Thompson
Cassi Radich
Pulama Berg

Non Voting Members Present:

Heidi Huckleberry
Shawna Yelton

Members absent:

The minutes from the meeting dated 9/9/26 were presented and motioned for approval. Gina Topor presented the motion and Cassi Radich seconded to approve

Agenda Items

- We voted to approve Cassi as chair and Gina as vice chair
- Looking for a community member—we will reach out to some possible interested parties
- Kelsey agreed to be the person taking minutes and Pulama will be the backup
- Meaghan M will do the agenda share it ahead of time for feedback
- We will aim for monthly meetings on either Thursdays or Mondays at 3:30.
- We discussed Norms  SOT Norms 26-27
- We agreed there will be times that members will miss a meeting, there needs to be communication. If there are 2 instances of No Communication or No Call No Show, vote to have individual replaced.
- We agreed that unless the vote is controversial we will just raise our hands to vote
- We do want a quorum or majority of at least 5 board members to approve any votes
- We are going to handle non voting members speaking before the end of the meeting on a case by case basis if we want/need their thoughts and feedback and opinions. This would include Ms. Yelton, Ms. Johnson, fellow parents, fellow teachers.
- We discussed the School Performance Plan and Star Rating Results

- Currently 3rd grade has the biggest group of new students (first year at Newton) to Newton.
- We discussed concerns with 4th and 5th grade growth
- We also discussed how to share about opportunities for children to get celebrated for Learner Behaviors and Leadership Habits –we want to discuss this more in November

General Discussion

- Agenda/Future Items Planning:
 - Awards & Habit Assemblies
 - Ideas for improving 4th/5th grade student growth
 - Possible tutoring ideas

Information

- Next Meeting: Nov 12 at 3:30

Public Comment Period

- NA

The meeting was called to an end at 4:30 p.m. by McGowan