

Newton Elementary
School Organizational Team Minutes
August 26, 2026
3:35-4:35

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The Newton ES School Organizational Team meeting was called to order at _336pm_____ on Aug. 26, 2026 by Tea Hampton and Seconded by Kasey O'Horo .

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

Members present:

Meaghan McGowan
Lindsey Douglas
Tea Hampton
Shenette Jackson
Megan Franke
Samantha Olson
Kasey O'Horo
Pulama Berg

Non Voting Members Present

Ashley Johnson
Shawna Yelton

Members absent:

The minutes from the meeting dated May 14, 2026 were presented and motioned for approval by Lindsey Douglas presented the motion and Kasey O'Horo seconded to approve

Agenda Items

- SBAC results were mailed and sent to parents. Focus on student engagement and project based learning. There was a slight difference in the scores from the prior year.
- 5th grade going through a STEM pilot. Also, using a group of students as a group that will be with one teacher.
 - The number of students are about the same teacher to student ratio as last year (4th grade 2025-2026).
- WIDA 70th percentile for the English Language Learners. Currently we have about 20 something students.
 - Summit is the program that the English Language Learners are using.
- Behaviors were most in 4th and kindergarten. There was an increase in tracking Administration and teachers. Therefore, it was shown in data on Infinite Campus.
 - Disparity in a group of students (ethnicity).
 - Tracking on certain students where there were more incidents with them and looking into what could be the causes of behaviors.
 - Reduction in male students than female students.
- I-Ready: there will be other assessments that will be used to see if students are truly below or struggling.
 - Reading: there are less students that are showing in the red than in math.

- Math: there are more students that are showing in the red than in reading.
- School Performance Plan:
 - Student Achievement in iReady by 70th percentile.
 - PLC is effecting and helping instruction in the classroom.
 - Connectedness in celebrating the attendance of the students that are here everyday for the month. The Leader in Me and the intertwining of the 8 Habits into the daily activities in the classroom.
- We are still short of the projection of the number of students, projection 475.
- PBL (Project Based Learning): Using all the programs to be intertwined to have the discourse and the having the students being a part of their learning.

General Discussion

- **Agenda Planning:**
 - **Budget 2026-2027**
- **Items for Future Agendas:**

Information

- **Next Meeting: September 9, 2026**

The meeting was called to an end at 4:14pm by Kasey O'Horo and seconded by Lindsey Douglas