

Thursday, March 13, 2025
NPS Joint School Council
3:00pm-3:50pm
CPS Cafeteria

- Agenda:**
- 1) FONPS Update
 - 2) MCAS Testing
 - 3) Student Tardiness
 - 4) Review Upcoming Calendar Events
 - 5) Teacher Appreciation Week 5/5/25

 - 6) Parent Q & A

(1) FONPS Update

New leadership at FONPS: Kelsea Gray and Jessica Norris. At a recent meeting, FONPS shared plans to support schools with MCAS snacks, luncheons on half-days, staff retirement acknowledgement, and staff initiated funding requests at each school. There is money to spend at each school before the end of June.

(2) MCAS Testing

MCAS testing is beginning at NIS, CPS, and NHS. Principal's shared their testing dates for each subject.

(3) Student Tardiness

Principals shared that more students are absent and late to school this year than in the past. It seems like families actually took their kids out of school for more vacation days around the holidays even though this was the year that the December break was a full two weeks. Fears of 'ICE raids' has kept some students at home recently.

March 2025 SIMS Data for Chronic Absenteeism (students who are absent more than 10% possible days):

NES: 31.9%

NIS: 18.5%

CPS: 17.9%

NHS: 28.4%

NPS Chronically absent rates have been between 24% and 27.5% over the last three years and was between 12.9% and 15.6% during the pandemic (students were remoting in and less likely to be marked absent). 2019 was also 12.9%.

Parents shared their belief that this is an island community issue and families travel. One parent wondered if we should share with the I&M to write an article, or the Nantucket Current, or even the Select Board.

(4) Review Upcoming Calendar Events

M Horton reviewed the upcoming concerts, principal coffees, committee meetings, and end of term dates posted in the 'fridge' calendar.

(5) Teacher Appreciation Week - 5/5/25

Each school's council has a plan for how to provide coffee, snacks, and treats for the May Teacher Appreciation Week.

(6) Parent Q & A

- Can we get Starlink working on boats for students to securely access the internet to do homework when returning from sporting contests? (need to look into an update from Dr. Hallett as this was mentioned at a previous superintendent's coffee)

NEXT MEETING:

No more 'Joint' School Council meetings until September 2025. Each school has its own schedule of building level School Council meetings for each month of the school year. (no meetings in June)

Minutes respectively submitted by Michael Horton, CPS Principal