

Chilmark School Advisory Committee
Meeting 3.13.24

Present:

Robyn Dori,
Jessica Seeman
Jessica Mason
Susan Stevens
Jackie Guzalak
Noli Taylor
Nelia Decker

Absent:

Anne Mayhew

1. Minutes: approved 1/10. 1/24. 1/31, 2/14 unanimously.
Nelia will send the 1/24 minutes to Jessica Seeman. Jessica S will reach out to Becky Tinus about the website and to make sure the minutes are included.

2. Discussion of School Improvement Plan: Susan will be presenting the plan to the School Committee on 3/18, and wants to review how the SIP supports the hiring of a co-teacher for the $\frac{1}{2}$ class. Noli will look at the SIP and rework some of the language to better reflect our discussion. However, a co-teacher for the $\frac{1}{2}$ doesn't necessarily need to be included in the SIP as it is a staffing issue, rather than a goal oriented issue. The School Committee needs to see the SIP and understand what we are thinking in terms of goals and action plans, and as a separate issue also need to understand the need for a co-teacher for the $\frac{1}{2}$ class, part of whose salary will be covered by the last year of a SPED grant.
Richie has set as a district wide initiative to support co-teaching as a model.

3. The staff, and the new principal with SAC support will be researching next year's design of staffing and classes, assessing the pros and cons of how different configurations will affect programming. The staff will continue to use multi age classroom configurations that are developmentally appropriate to accommodate growth/change of the school population. We need to assure adequate funding to support 6 teachers. The addition of another space after the preschool moves out will allow for more flexibility in a couple of years.

Respectfully submitted
Nelia Decker