**January 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

* **International Night Update(Shiela)**
  + Presented the idea of a worksheet sent home to do with families and hang up around the school in addition to what has been done in the past.
  + Contact local businesses for donations
  + Mrs. Phelan put in for a grant for International Night
  + Thinking late January early February to hold it
  + The idea of a digital component
    - Families could submit a clip about there heritage and use a website to put it all together. Show it during International Night.
  + Have musical groups
  + Question arose: How are the countries divided, if many people want to do the same country?
    - Suggestions: sign up genius to sign up for food, poster, digital clip, music etc.
  + The idea was presented to change the name from International Night to Culture Night. Feel more inclusive.
  + Regions of the World
    - Story tellers
    - Guest speakers
    - Dancers
  + Tie in to what is happening in school
* **Book Fair**
  + Confirmed for April 27-April 30th at The Watertown public Library
  + IN PERSON
  + Scholastic will be running it
  + Thinking of ways in which to get the kids to the book fair during the school day
    - Philips could walk, busing will be needed for Lowell West
  + Idea presented about the book mobile,
    - See if they book mobile can support the book fair and maybe it can go to the schools,
* **Teacher Supply bags**
  + Tsoler and Krissy will be working together on this
  + Quick recap was given
* **Guest: Evan Nabel**
  + Presented the idea of a Family Formal
  + Thinking March 25th
  + Hosted this year at the highschool. Evan is hoping to have this an annual event and threw out the possibility of rotating schools.
  + GOAL: have the Senior Class from Watertown run this event.
    - The proceeds from this event would go to help support the Senior class and their senior activities,
  + Activities available may include things like:
    - Kids dances and songs
    - Concessions
    - Craft area
    - Photo booth
    - Sensory area
    - Raffle baskets
  + Assistance from families in need will be available
  + The FTO supports this idea and will help promote it.
* **Principle update**
  + Awarded three grants

1. multicultural night
2. for a speaker to present about bullying
3. 5th grade Author visit and the purchase of author’s book for every 5th grade student.
   * **Unity Breakfast** 
     + Lowell showcasing some work
     + Art
     + MLK inspires

* **Black History Month** 
  + Kids will be working with Mr. Chen on creating a poem
  + The poem will be read as a school reading
  + Kicking black history month on 1/17
    - Elongates the time, begins around MLK day
    - Celebrate black culture
* **Report Cards/iReady**
  + Will be sent home on 2/3/23
  + Review of iReady as a school in relation to WIN
    - Looking at the progression of landing within frameworks
    - Longest WIN cycle which brings us into MCAS for 3-5 and shows what K-2 are picking up.
* **Math Night** 
  + In Newsletter
  + Major adjustments to the curriculum will be presented
* **SEPAC**
  + Meeting on 1/24
  + 504 vs. IEP
* **Diversity Council**
  + Meeting on 1/26
  + Lowell hosting
  + All three schools attending
  + Desires and needs of children
* **Check in at the Lowell Construction Site**
  + Staff will have the opportunity to walk through the construction site and see the progress.
  + Try to snap pictures
  + Speeding up the process due to setbacks
  + 7/20 Take ownership
  + Staff will have a full day orientation prior to the beginning of school in September 2023.

**Questions/Suggestions:**

* It was suggested that school provides a document to families of what accommodations are available for their child/children
* Once the weather gets nice out, set up Lowell playdates at the Lowell playground on Friday afternoons as a way for us to feel like a community again and interact.