**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.