



# PLYMOUTH RIVER ELEMENTARY

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## **School Council Meeting January 10th, 2022 at 2:45 Meeting in the Library**

### Agenda:

1. Review Notes from previous meeting
2. Talk about Superintendents search
3. Equity team to begin meeting shortly
4. Title I
5. Toolbox - Listening Tool

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Parents - Jessica Foley, Vigdis Thorvaldsdottir

Community - Joan Silver

### **Audience Members:**

Kerry Ni- School Committee Liaison

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Notes:

Last meetings notes:

1. Review notes from previous meeting - *reviewed. No questions.*
2. Student Risk Screening Scale - *Melissa showed examples of spreadsheet and explained the rating scale. According to the data, groups are formed by the adjustment counselor and support is given in that area of identified weakness.*
3. Covid
  - a. How we determine close contacts - *Melissa went through COVID close contact procedure and explained the challenges. We do feel that the team*
  - b. How things are going so far this year
4. Toolbox - Please & Thank You Tool - *Handouts were given to council (12 tool overview and reflection sheet) This tool was rolled out schoolwide. We introduced it at all school meeting and gave materials to teachers including a parent newsletter, a writing activity and slideshow to reteach the tool in the classroom.*
5. Superintendent's Search -

*update from Kerri. There were 20 resumes and the committee narrowed it down to 6 to be interviewed. There are now 4 finalists and they will be touring the buildings this week along with some group forums. Resumes, candidate profile and timeline can be found here*

*<https://hinghamschools.org/about/school-committee/superintendent-search-2021-2022/>*

- 6. Parent Feedback - In order to get Toolbox out into the community more, it was suggested to post the tool on the Facebook page. Currently, principal puts it in newsletters. It was also suggested that students get “homework” to teach their parents the tool.*

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