

Minutes of the School Committee
Regular Meeting
Milton High Library
Wednesday, April 2nd, 2014

Committee Present: Lynda-Lee Sheridan, Chair; Becky Padera, Michael Zullas and Mary Kelly. Student Reps: Matt McCarthy and Amanda Delconte.

Not Present: Leroy Walker, Kristan Bagley Jones

Staff Present: Mary Gormley, Superintendent; Glenn Pavlicek, Assistant Superintendent for Business.

Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. Ms. Sheridan asked for a moment of silence to honor the Boston firefighters who died in the line of duty.

Approve Agenda: Ms. Sheridan requested the addition of the School Committee calendar under the Chairman's Report; and under the Finance Subcommittee Report to remove the acceptance of the Copeland Family Foundation donation vote. Also, she removed the Health & Wellness report and Executive Session. Ms. Kelly asked to remove the Finance Subcommittee report. At this point, the chair accepted the changes and approved the agenda.

Citizens Speak: Brian Kelly and Kathleen Ready came to speak about the Run Again Project that involved students from the Pierce Middle School. Matt McCarthy reminded people about Relay for Life to be held at Milton High School. Melanie Davis came to ask that those on the wait list for French Immersion be included in the program. Frank Schroth came to talk about the upcoming Candidates Forum on April 12th at Fuller Village.

Approval of Minutes: The chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2014

Move: Mr. Zullas

Second: Ms. Padera

Edits/Discussion: none

Vote: 3-1-0 (Ms, Kelly abstained)

Superintendent's Report

Topic One: Milton High School's LifeSmarts Team: Ms. Gormley invited the LifeSmarts team to the table. Ms. Nancy Mikels, the coach, introduced the team: Jack Caljouw, Cormac Connors, Chris Ricciuti, Maryam El Sayed and Albert Enyedy. The team talked about how the competitions work and the format for tournaments. They also quizzed School Committee members about some of the LifeSmarts questions. This team will go to Orlando at the end of the month to compete at Nationals.

Topic Two: Ms. Gormley next invited Brendan Hunt to speak about Run for Red Nation. He explained how the event is a fundraiser for Milton High School sports, clubs and activities.

Topic Three: The Collicot School Site Council Presentation. The Collicot Site Council, led by Principal Janet Sheehan was invited to the table to present their School Improvement Plan. They began by reviewing the most recent MCAS data. The site council also talked about how Collicot has adhered to the Core Values of the Milton Public Schools. There was a video presentation which showed the One Book, One School project, as well as Adventure Night and other school-wide events. School Committee members asked questions of the site council, including an inquiry about trends in Grade Four for MCAS results, and Reader's Workshop. Ms. Kelly asked about the Individual Student Success Plan. There was also discussion about Science for Scientists, which is a program for elementary school children. Through the MFE, Sam's Fund is piloting a science-curriculum based program which Ms. Sheehan explained. Ms. Kelly asked if it would be possible to demonstrate differentiated learning to the public perhaps in a video. This presentation can be viewed at:

<http://www.miltonps.org/documents/SIPSchoolCommPresApr14Final.pdf>

Happenings: Ms. Gormley announced that Jackie Morgan was named School Nutrition Director of the Year from the Massachusetts School Nutrition Association. Mr. McIlhenney of the Pierce Middle School recently won the George Washington Scholar award, which will allow him to study at Mount Vernon with fellow history teachers for a week this summer. This week, the National Science Institute's Conference is in Boston. Several Milton Public School teachers are presenting at this conference. Also, the Massachusetts State Reading Conference will also feature several teachers from Milton Public Schools. A group called Safe Routes for School awarded two winners from Collicot and Tucker schools prizes, which included bikes and helmets. Art Fairs will be held at each of the elementary schools. April 12th will be the MFE Celebration for Education. MSE registration will open next week. Matt McCarthy gave an update on the rugby team.

Chairman's Report

Ms. Sheridan noted that this week is Autism Awareness Week.

Topic One: Approval of Vendor Warrants. Ms. Sheridan entertained a motion to approve Warrant #40 of \$65,744.89.

Move: Ms. Padera

Second: Mr. Zulas

Vote: 4-0-0

Ms. Sheridan reviewed the School Committee calendar through the end of the year. The next meeting will be held on April 30th. Mr. Zulas asked if they could vote on the interim recommendation from the Town/School Consolidation Committee. On May 14,

there is a Science Advancement Update, School Choice Open Hearing and vote and some awards. Another School Committee meeting will be held on May 21st.

Next Meeting Agenda Items: Ms. Kelly asked to have a Common Core discussion. Ms. Padera asked for an update on PARCC testing to be added to one of these meetings. Ms. Gormley said that her evaluation is still being adjusted regarding her goals.

The chairman made a motion to adjourn.

Move: Ms. Padera

Second: Mr. Zullas

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.