

Franklin School Committee
December 13, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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MINUTES

“The listing of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.”

Mr. McNeill called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

In attendance: Ms. Camille Bernstein-Yes; Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-No; Mr. David McNeill-Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes-No; Ms. Meghan Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer-No

Also in attendance were: Mr. Lucas Giguere; Mrs. Paula Marano; Mrs. Miriam Goodman

Pledge of Allegiance

We proudly introduce Charlotte Devine as tonight's Keller Kid who will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Charlotte is a fourth grader at Keller in Mrs. MacRury's class. Charlotte demonstrates Keller's core values in many ways. Together with her peers, she is caring, inclusive, and intelligent. Recently, she and a small group of classmates created a slideshow which was presented to administrators. They shared ideas for ways that Keller Kids can show leadership in their school. One idea is to extend Love Keller partnerships by having all grade levels spend more time visiting teachers and students to learn more about what next year will be like before transitioning to that grade level in the fall. She is excited to be part of developing these days at Keller. When asked, Charlotte believes the core value of respect is most important. It serves as a foundation for all of the others. Outside of school, Charlotte plays hockey. She is on two teams. She loves animals. She has four chickens and one dog. She is also an avid reader. She is currently reading the 130-Story Treehouse. Together with her parents, we are so proud of her!

Moment of Silence

I. Routine Business

- A. Review of Agenda** - all is fine
- B. Payment of Bills** - reviewed and in order
- C. Payroll** - reviewed and in order

D. FHS Student Representative Comments

Ms. Shaw Downing said winter sports started last week. She extended a congratulations to the FHS band, chorus and orchestra who had a successful concert last week.

She said the class of 2024 prom committee is meeting on Fridays. She said the calendar raffle has ended and winners will be announced shortly.

She said Connect 4 Cancer is running a hat drive for childhood cancer patients.

Mr. Ravin Chaudury also added that Connect 4 Cancer and Community Service Club are hosting a Toys for Tots drive. Connect 4 Cancer is also hosting a mobile blood drive through MGH. He said a parental consent form is needed and many spots are still available.

E. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Giguere said he attended the concerts last week and he said the students did a phenomenal job.

He said the Professional Development Committee met on 11/30/22 and received feedback from 328 survey responses. He said 93.3% of the feedback was either to strongly agree or agree that the PD day contributed to their professional learning with a desire for collaboration opportunities.

He said 12/7/22 was a PD day and administrators led building-based discussions on MTTs.

He said the redistricting committee recently met with AppGeo and reviewed mapping information. He said the space needs committee met to discuss guiding principles provided by the large advisory group. He said the website was updated that day and will continue to be as new information becomes available. He said the next advisory meeting is 12/20/22.

He said 12/14/22 marks the 10th anniversary of Sandy Hook tragedy.

He also reminded the community that December break is homework free but that reading is still encouraged.

He said the winter art show took place last week at FHS.

Finally, he hopes everyone has a restful and enjoyable holiday break.

Mr. McNeill asked for any comments/questions from the committee?

Mr. Callaghan noted that the art show was great.

He asked what is the percentage of teachers who responded to the survey?

Mr. Giguere said it is probably around 65% percent of the educators.

Mr. Callaghan asked if this is the typical percentage of responses they receive?

Dr. Rogers said she sees this as an increase.

II. Guests/Presentations

A. Lifelong Learning Presentation - Patricia Gay, Director LLI

Ms. Gay spoke about the mission of Lifelong Learning and the different team members that make up the program. She also noted that it has been a part of FPS since 1998.

She said Lifelong Learning is made up of:

- Solutions
- Community Learning
- Music Academy
- Summer Programs

She noted that registration for summer programs begins on 2/1/23.

She said that they strive to align their programs with the District Improvement Plan and the Portrait of a Graduate.

Finally, she said there are so many who support this program including faculty and staff at all FPS schools, central office, facilities, technology, student services, and food services.

Mr. McNeill asked for any comments/questions from the committee?

Ms. Bernstein said she and her family has participated in many of the Lifelong Learning programs.

Mr. Callaghan asked if the summer program grows to fit families needs or if it is static?

Ms. Gay replied programs will fluctuate depending on staffing. She said last summer they were able to offer full programs since COVID.

Mr. McNeill thanked Ms. Gay on behalf of the committee.

He asked if they have an estimate of how many members of the community participate.

She replied that currently there are 419 in Lifelong Community Learning, 244 in music, and 320 in Solutions. She added there are about 120 individuals taking classes who do not live in Franklin.

He asked what are the most popular programs or programs they plan to expend on?

She replied that they are now offering a yoga class for educators, they are offering a knitting class, and badminton for teens to name a few.

Mr. Giguere added that College Essay and Common App Bootcamp are other great options for older students.

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. Policy 2nd Reading / Adoption

I recommend Adoption of the following policies as discussed:

- KF-E3 - Facilities Fee Schedule
- JLCCD - Managing Life-Threatening Food Allergies in the Education Setting
- JLCCD-E - Protocol & Guidelines for Management of Life-Threatening Food Allergies in FPS

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; Second: Ms. Bernstein

Approve: 4 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 4-0 with 3 absent

IV. Discussion Only Items

A. ACCEPT Annual Report

Mr. Giguere said the report outlines their plan around what their focus is this year and in future years.

Mr. Giguere said he is a board member on the board of directors and he has extended an invitation to the Director of ACCEPT Dr. Flaherty to come and speak about ACCEPT at a future school committee meeting.

Mr. McNeill asked for any comments/questions from the committee?

Mr. McNeill asked what is the value of belonging to this group?

Mr. Giguere replied that they offering programming for students as well as professional development.

Mrs. Marano said they host specialized programs for students with special needs. She said they have stand alone schools and they have programs within some public schools. She added that they provide consultative services as well.

Can reach out to ACCEPT to see about contracting

Dr. Rogers said they offer professional development at a reduced rate.

V. Information Matters

A. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports

- 1. Superintendent Evaluation** - N/A
- 2. Budget** - has not met. There was a finance committee collaboration on 12/7/22.
- 3. Policy** - next meeting 12/14/22
- 4. Community Relations** - N/A
- 5. Space, Needs, and Facilities Assessment** - met last week and will continue to work with AppGeo.

B. School Committee Liaison Reports

- 1. Joint PCC** - N/A
- 2. School Wellness Advisory Council** - next meeting 1/3/23
- 3. SEPAC** - met on 12/7/22

4. Substance Abuse Task Force - met on 12/13/22. The committee will be changing its name to Mental Health and Well Being Task Force. Planning next critical conversations for March.

5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - next meeting 12/14/22

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the Minutes from you November 22, 2022 School Committee meeting as detailed.

B. Scholarships

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$1,250.00 for FHS Scholarships as follows:

- a. \$1,000.00 Roberta Trahan
- b. \$250.00 Sean Jobin

C. FHS Gifts

I recommend acceptance of 2 checks totaling \$1,170.85 as follows:

- a. \$1,000.00 for Student Activity Account - In house Enrichment from FEF & General Dynamics
- b. \$170.85 - Supplemental Supplies - from Ohiopyle

D. Executive Session Minutes

I recommend approval of the Executive Session Minutes from the November 22, 2022 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

E. New Club: National Art Honor Society

I recommend approval of the request of Amy Edson to create the new club: National Art Honor Society as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; Second: Ms. Bernstein

Approve: 4 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 4-0 with 3 absent

VII. Citizen's Comments - there were none

VIII. New Business

To discuss any future agenda items

Mr. Giguere shared the anticipated items for upcoming meetings:

- ACCEPT Collaboration Presentation
- Other presentations

IX. Mr. McNeill asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Ms. Whitmore; Second: Ms. Bernstein

Approve: 4 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 4-0 with 3 absent

X. Adjournment at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Tocci, Secretary

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