

**Franklin School Committee**  
**November 28, 2023**  
**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.”

**At 7:00pm, Mr. Callaghan called the meeting to order.**

In attendance was: Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Ms. Erin Gallagher-Yes; Dr. Paul Griffith-Yes; Mr. David McNeill-Yes; Ms. Ruthann O’Sullivan-Yes; Mr. KP Sompally-Yes(Zoom)

Also in attendance was: Mr. Lucas Giguere; Mrs. Paula Marano; Dr. Tina Rogers-Zoom; Dr. Robert Dutch

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

Jonathan Ferrari is a role model fifth grader. He shows enthusiasm for learning everyday. He works hard and sets high expectations for himself. Equally important, Jonathan brings kindness and good humor to our classroom each day. He is always willing to help out in a multitude of ways, often seeing a need and stepping up without being asked. It is a genuine pleasure to have him in class. -Mrs. Cronin, Grade 5 Teacher

## **Moment of Silence**

### **I. Routine Business**

- A. Review of Agenda** - reviewed and in order
- B. Payment of Bills** - reviewed and in order
- C. Payroll** - reviewed and in order
- D. FHS Student Representative Comments - Ms. Ella Mahoney; Ms. Sawyer Whitmore**

Ms. Mahoney spoke about the successful production of Legally Blonde that ran from 11/17-11/19.

She noted that the FHS band concert is on 12/5/23 at 7pm and the FHS chorus and orchestra concert is on 12/7/23 at 7pm.

She noted that a pep rally was held the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

She also said there is a bottle drive currently underway and a blood drive happening on 12/21/23.

The next FHS PCC meeting will be held on 12/6/23.

Finally, she said yearbooks are on sale now.

Ms. Whitmore said that tryouts for winter sports are currently underway.

She noted fall teams who all had great seasons and the FHS Football team who played at Fenway Park on 11/21/23.

Ms. Mahoney said the senior banquet is 4/5/24 at Lake Pearl in Wrentham and graduation is on 5/31/24. She added that logistics are being worked out for senior week.

Ms. Whitmore said sales for the prom calendar raffle for the class of 2025 is still underway. Those who sell 10 calendars get a free prom ticket.

## **E. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Giguere also spoke about the Legally Blonde production and its success. He noted that an Inclement Weather Update email has been sent out to families in the district. He also noted that Director of DPW, Brutus Cantoreggi will be at the next school committee meeting to do a snow presentation.

**Mr. Callaghan asked the committee for any questions/comments from the committee?** There was none

## **II. Guests/Presentations**

### **A. Parmenter Elementary School Highlights Presentation - Mr. Evan Chelman; Ms. Amy Harvey**

***\*See presentation slides for more detailed information***

Mrs. Harvey noted the Parmenter Mission Statement, Core Values, and School Improvement Plan.

Mr. Chelman spoke about transparency and communication and the Parmenter Press publication weekly letter that is sent out.

Ms. Harvey spoke about the Whole School Meeting, Popsicles with the Principal, Pumpkin Stroll, Touch a Truck and their upcoming Winter Event.

Mr. Chelman spoke about Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion. He noted their DEAP - Drop Everything and Play program.

Ms. Harvey spoke about Recognitions and Appreciations as well as Community Service and Supports such as a Winter Gear Drive, FPD visits, and Treats for Troops.

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

Mr. Griffith asked about the Winter clothing drive and how the community can donate or support?

Mr. Chelman replied that it is happening the second week of December and the community can follow the Parmenter Twitter handle for more information.

Mr. Charles asked if DEAP was a new program?

Mr. Chelman replied that it is not a new program and started with adjustment counselors.

Ms. O'Sullivan said it is nice to see unstructured times for the students like the DEAP program.

**B. FHS National Art Honor Society Trip Proposal - Ms. Amy Edson; Ms. Danielle LaPlante**

***\*See presentation slides for more detailed information***

Ms. Edson and Ms. LaPlante spoke about the proposed trip to MassMoca (Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams, MA and the Clark Museum in Williamstown, MA.

Ms. Edson shared the goals and the itinerary of the trip. She shared the proposed dates as 3/15/23-3/16/23 and said the trip is through Worldstrides.

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

Ms. Gallagher asked how many students they expect to bring?

Ms. Edson replied they expect to bring 40 students.

Mr. Griffith asked about any particular art exhibitions they will be seeing?

Ms. Edson replied that they always changing the exhibitions and an interesting interactive roller coaster that can be registered for.

Mr. McNeill said he recently visited this museum.

Ms. O'Sullivan noted that the cost is reasonable.

Ms. Edson replied that they will also be fundraising.

Mr. Callaghan noted that the trip will be accessible to low income families and mentioned the application for the free/reduced program is revolving.

**C. District Assessment Presentation - Mr. Eric Stark; Dr. Tim Frazier; Dr. Tina Rogers**

***\*See presentation slides for more detailed information***

Dr. Rogers said the goal of the presentation is to provide the committee with an overview of various academic achievement data that is reviewed, analyzed, and

utilized. Dr. Frazier spoke about MCAS.

Mr. Stark and Dr. Frazier gave an overview of the 2022/2023 MCAS Assessments. They discussed the trends they are seeing and how Franklin compares to the rest of the state. They said that Franklin students continue to outperform in Math, ELA, and Science, a greater percentage of Franklin students scored Meeting or Exceeding Expectations when compared to the state and this has been the trend for the past five years.

They presented through of the levels of students who took the MCAS Assessment and the trends they are seeing.

Dr. Frazier spoke about MCAS being a single but important data point.

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

Ms. Gallagher asked about their revamp to bring scores up at the middle writing level and how they go about that process.

Dr. Frazier replied that they give more opportunities to students to practice and achieve.

Mr. Stark replied that they need to grow but also need to sustain in terms of tiered structure.

Mr. Griffith asked for more information regarding science MCAS and the new assessment they will be rolling out.

Mr. Stark replied that the new assessment will require students to think a little more deeper and he said he will be gathering more information at upcoming meetings. He said that the instructional model is what OpenSciEd is based upon at the middle school level.

Mr. Charles noted the improvement in math since the adoption of Illustrative Math and how the budget comes into play to support programs that impact the future. He also noted their mention in the plateau in writing scores.

Dr. Frazier said that the writing score number has not been increasing but this is also statewide.

Mr. McNeill asked if there are any metrics to show how pandemic learning has affected the trends they are seeing?

Mr. Stark replied that they are seeing lower scores where the state directed the schools to focus on less instructional time. He added that the encouraging part is the growth they are seeing.

Mr. McNeill asked what the timeline is for expectations on the new literacy program?

Dr. Frazier replied that they are confident in positive trends but noted they like to give a 2-3 year period with the adoption of a new curriculum before looking into noticeable changes.

Mr. McNeill asked if there are any metrics that administrators are concerned about?

Dr. Frazier noted when there is any concerns that they continue to invest in teachers and specialists

Mr. Sompally asked what is the backup plan when students do not meet expectations?

Mr. Stark replied that MCAS is one data point so curriculum leaders play an important role in helping to triangulate whether the MCAS data point aligns with other data points.

Ms. O'Sullivan added that the community is looking to convey to other committees that the scores thrive on more than MCAS scores.

Mr. Callaghan reminded the community of EduSpeak on the FPS website for any terms.

Mr. Callaghan noted that Exceeding Expectations does dip at the middle level and if they have any ideas as to why?

Dr. Frazier replied it could be many factors from comparing to a state level and state data changing,

Mr. Stark also replied that he would be interested to see the percentage of students who fall on the cusp of exceeding or partialing meeting.

Mr. Giguere also noted the grant that Dr. Rogers was able to secure for Illustrative Math. He further stated that Dr. Frazier was able to find and secure \$200,000 in grant funding to get the remaining funds needed to fund the new K-5 multi-year literacy program.

### **III. Discussion/Action Items**

#### **A. FHS National Art Honor Society Trip Proposal**

I recommend approval of the request of Diane Plouffe and Amy Edson to take Art students to the MassMoca (Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and the Clark Museum in North Adams, MA from March 15-16, 2024 as presented.

**Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles**

**Roll call vote: Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr. Griffith-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes; Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O’Sullivan-Yes; Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes**

**Motion Carries 7-0**

**IV. Discussion Only Items** - there was none

**V. Information Matters**

**A. School Committee Sub-Committee Reports**

1. **Superintendent Evaluation** - N/A
2. **Budget** - N/A
3. **Policy** - N/A
4. **Community Relations** - N/A

**B. School Committee Liaison Reports**

1. **Joint PCC** - N/A
2. **Comprehensive School Facilities Planning Committee** - N/A
3. **School Wellness Advisory Council** - N/A
4. **SEPAAC** - Mental Health and Suicide Health Awareness event on 12/5/23 at 6:30 at Central Office.
5. **Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force** - N/A
6. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - next meeting 11/29/23

**VI. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

I recommend approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2023 School Committee meeting as detailed.

**B. Keller Gift**

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2609.86 from O’Connor Studios for in house enrichment at Keller Elementary as detailed.

**C. FHS Gift**

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$356.67 from Ohiopyle Prints for Supplemental Supplies for FHS as detailed.

**Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles**

**Roll call vote: Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr. Griffith-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes; Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O’Sullivan-Yes; Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes**  
**Motion Carries 7-0**

**VII. Citizen’s Comments** - there was none

**VIII. New Business**

**To discuss any future agenda items**

Mr. Giguere shared the anticipated items for the 12/12/23 meeting:

- Food Services Highlight
- Lifelong Learning Overview
- DPW Director Presentation

**IX. Mr. Callghan asked for an adjournment to end the meeting.**

**Motion: Mr. McNeill; Second: Mr. Charles**

**Roll call vote: Ms. Gallagher-Yes; Mr. Griffith-Yes; Mr. Charles-Yes; Mr. McNeill-Yes; Ms. O’Sullivan-Yes; Mr. Sompally-Yes; Mr. Callaghan-Yes**  
**Motion Carries 7-0**

**XI. Adjournment at 8:39pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Tocci, Secretary

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