

Franklin School Committee
November 8, 2022
Municipal Building – Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

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Organizational Meeting

Mr. Giguere called the meeting to order at 7:01pm and said at the end of the meeting they would be adjourning to executive session and not returning to open meeting.

In attendance: Ms. Camille Bernstein-Yes; Mr. David Callaghan-Yes; Mr. Al Charles-Yes; Mr. David McNeill-Yes; Ms. Elise Stokes-Yes; Ms. Meghan Whitmore-Yes; Ms. Denise Spencer-Yes

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Achal Saxena Grade 5 - John F. Kennedy Elementary

Achal is a fifth-grade student in his second year at Kennedy Elementary School where he enjoys the teachers and that the school's core values really matter to the students. Achal also enjoys science and social studies but, according to Achal, math is "just not my favorite at times." 😊 According to Achal's teachers, he is a conscientious, hard-working student who is also a good friend to others. Achal has a younger brother named "Ayush" who is in first grade and also attends Kennedy.

Outside of school, Achal enjoys playing with friends, riding his bike, and reading fantasy stories. In fact, he's currently reading: Land of Stories - The Wishing Spell by Chris Colfer. Achal wants everyone to know he truly enjoys eating his mom's favorite meal, a special recipe: Manchurian with fried rice and gravy.

Moment of Silence

Election of Chair

Mr. Giguere asked for a nomination of Chair.

Ms. Stokes nominated Ms. Spencer as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr. McNeill. A vote was taken:

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

Election of Vice Chair

Ms. Spencer asked for a nomination of Vice Chair.

Ms. Bernstein nominated Ms. Stokes as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Mr. McNeill. A vote was taken:

Motion: Ms. Bernstein; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

I. Routine Business

- A. Review of Agenda** - Ms. Spencer asked if letter A. should be in executive session tonight and thought it should just be B. Mr. Giguere said they have typically approved all executive session minutes at the end of the year. Ms. Spencer said the minutes are in the packet and he said he may have put them in thinking it was how the process goes. He added that they can strike it.

- B. Payment of Bills** - will assign at the next meeting
- C. Payroll** - will assign at the next meeting

D. FHS Student Representative Comments

Ms. Shaw Downing spoke about sports playoffs schedules. She said cheer won the Hockomock championship. She said the class of 2023 just launched a raffle calendar fundraiser. The cost is \$20 per calendar. She said students can attend the senior banquet for free if they sell 15 calendars and senior week for free if they sell 25 calendars.

Mr. Ravin Chaudhury said that the FHS theater company is working on Cinderella. He said most college early action deadlines were last week. He said this was a short week and the 1st quarter ended on 11/7/22. He added that freshmen, sophomores, and juniors are selling t-shirts for the pep rally.

E. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Giguere said that Tuesday 11/8/22 was a full day of PD. He said the morning consisted of content specific PD.

Pre-K and Elementary levels: Science of reading professional development series.

Secondary levels: Content specific PD

He said in the afternoon, the teachers built their own schedule, choosing three sessions that best fit their learning needs. He said in between the morning and afternoon sessions Colin Boisvert and his team prepared lunch options for the staff. Dr. Rogers added that they sent out a survey to staff after the day was over and have received feedback from 65% of teachers so far with 94.2% of educators saying they agree that this day contributed to their professional learning.

Mr. Giguere shared a change to Massachusetts Discipline Law 37H3/4. He said Governor Baker recently signed a bill into law aimed at addressing barriers for blocking access to mental health. He said the law addresses how and when school decision makers are permitted to issue disciplinary consequences to students when they violate the code of conduct. He said the law previously gave the discretion to lawmakers who issue discipline on how long they can suspend students.

The distinct changes they made are as follows:

- Administrators will consider ways to re-engage students through restorative efforts.
- They shall not use out of school suspensions until alternative remedies have been employed and documented. Administrators can suspend when an alternative remedy would be unsuitable and counterproductive.
- Need to show an attempt at alternatives to out of school suspension. The law requires documentation and there is no timeframe to document a framework.

He said Mrs. Marano has notified the leadership team and they will be taking a thoughtful look at policies and procedures.

Mr. Giguere said there is a DEI Deep Dive Series on Nov 19, 2022 from 10:00 - 11:30 am on the 1st floor of the library. He said there will be a presentation and then the community will be able to engage in conversation. This will be facilitated by DEI Director, Ms. Heidi Harris.

Finally, Mr. Giguere said that the Executive Offices of Health Services and DESE announced that they will be providing districts with a one-time distribution of Covid tests to be used for optimal return testing following Thanksgiving and December break. Tests will be distributed to staff and families the week of November 21st.

Ms. Spencer asked for any comments/questions from the committee?

Ms. Bernstein asked for the name of the law Mr. Giguere spoke of.

Mr. Giguere replied that it is 37H3/4

Mr. Callaghan asked if Dr. Roger's could give an update to the staff PD survey sent out at the next meeting

Mr. McNeill said thank you for the update and he is looking forward to the DEI Deep Dive Series.

Ms. Whitmore asked what kind of vehicle will be picking up 11,000 tests?

Mrs. Marano said she will be working with facilities.

II. Guests/Presentations - there was none

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. Redistricting Advisory Committee Members

I recommend approval of the list of Redistricting Analysis Advisory Committee Members as discussed.

Mr. Charles said it is pleasing to see the community come out and want to participate.

Mr. McNeil said he is happy to see so many wanting to participate.

Ms. Stokes said it is great people want to be involved.

Ms. Whitmore said it's great to see so much interest.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

IV. Discussion Only Items - there was none

V. Information Matters

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

1. **Superintendent Evaluation** - meeting 11/14/22 to review Superintendent's goals and he will be presenting them on 11/22/22 to the school committee.
2. **Budget** - has not met but had a budget workshop prior to this meeting. Ms. Stokes said it seems like it's been a long time since the last budget joint subcommittee meeting. Mr. Giguere said he can talk with the town administrator to work on a plan. Ms. Stokes said it's really important to work together and have open conversations.
3. **Policy** - next meeting 11/9/22.
4. **Community Relations** - met last week. They are working to plan a Legislative Forum for early 2023. She said they attended the MASC/MASS Joint Conference last week. She noted they discussed and voted on all six resolutions that she had brought forth at the 10/11/22 meeting. She said all six were approved. Ms. Stokes thanked Ms. Spencer for her efforts and for communicating with other school committees.
5. **Space, Needs, and Facilities Assessment** - 11/15/22 at 6pm is the first meeting for the advisory committee. Ms. Stokes asked if the Space, Needs, and Facilities committee is still needed now that they have the redistricting advisory in place? Mr. Charles replied that they are keeping it

and will be helping AppGeo in facilitating the presentations and monitoring the group.

B. School Committee Liaison Reports

1. **Joint PCC** - met 11/7/22 and discussed bake sales and aligning with the school committee's policies. Ms. Spencer asked Mr. Giguere about other district school's having bake sales where elections were happening and asked if that is allowed? Mr. Giguere said in the SWAC policy PCC's are encouraged in their plans to consider healthy choices. He said due to food allergies, homemade food at bake sales does not happen during the school day. Mr. Giguere also thanked the PCC's and the presidents for coming together and sharing ideas.
2. **School Wellness Advisory Council** - met with wellness coach, next meeting is 1/3/22.
3. **SE PAC** - book club is 11/16/22 at Escape into Fiction. Next meeting is at the end of the month.
4. **Substance Abuse Task Force** - next meeting is 11/15/22.
5. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - next meeting is 11/30/22.

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from the October 25, 2022 School Committee meeting as detailed.

B. FHS Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$15.48 from Ohiopyle Prints for supplemental supplies at FHS as detailed.

C. Recurring Field Trip - Parmenter

I recommend approval of the request of Emily Bilodeau to take approximately 60 4th grade music students to RI Philharmonic on May 25, 2023 as detailed.

D. Parmenter Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$54.96 from the Parmenter PCC for supplemental supplies as detailed.

E. Keller Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$2,779.40 from the Keller PCC for field trips as detailed.

F. FHS Gift

I recommend acceptance of the donation of the cost of a bus (\$1,200.00) from "A Franklin Family" for the FHS history field trip.

G. Parmenter Gifts

I recommend acceptance of four checks totaling \$2,891.40 from the Parmenter PCC for field trips as detailed.

H. New Student Activity Account

I recommend approval of the establishment of a new student activity account (Chess Club) as detailed.

I. Surplus Piano

I recommend approval of the request of Rebecca Motte to declare a piano as surplus that is beyond repair.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

VII. Citizen's Comments - there were none

VIII. New Business

To discuss any future agenda items

Mr. Giguere shared the anticipated items for the 11/22/22 meeting:

- Superintendent goals
- Assessment presentation - MCAS
- Routine business

IX. Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to adjourn and enter into executive session. She said they would not be returning to open meeting.

- ~~Approval of Executive Session minutes from October 25, 2022 School Committee meeting-~~ removed during review of Agenda.
- Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with the Cafeteria, Van Drivers, Secretaries, & ESP's Units, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee, as declared by the Chair.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

X. Adjournment at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Tocci, Secretary

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Payroll Warrant #2309 Summary.pdf
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FPS Summary & Sign off 110822.pdf
SC Warrant 102022.pdf
SC Warrant 102722.pdf
Discussion Action A - Fac Advisory Com Members.pdf
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