

Franklin School Committee
October 10, 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, Ms. Spencer called the meeting to order.

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Oak Street School is proud to introduce fifth grader Annie Interrante to lead us in tonight's pledge of allegiance.

Annie is the older sister to second grader James and daughter to Maura. Annie's teachers have asked her to represent Oak Street tonight because of how well and how often she demonstrates our core value of never giving up. As a school community this fall, Oak Street is working on awarding the 'never give up' acorn to students. Annie recognizes that never giving up means to work very hard, be persistent and always do your best. Annie shared that even if she doesn't always reach her goal, she is proud to have tried her best.

Annie's favorite parts about Oak Street School are her friends and her teacher. She lists literacy as her favorite subject because she loves to read and write her own stories.

In her free time Annie likes to play basketball and board games with her family.

When she grows up Annie knows she wants to be a teacher. She shared that she is surrounded by great teachers in her life, including both grandmothers, her aunt and her mom.

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

Mr. Ahan Shetty said the Homecoming Dance was held last Friday.

He shared that Connect 4 Cancer is holding a mini golf fundraiser in honor of Nick Gaspar. The event will be on 10/14/23 and they are looking for volunteers.

He said Legally Blonde tickets are currently on sale. He said the Class of 2026 is holding a Panera Bread Fundraiser on 10/18/23. The Ski Club is holding their first meeting on 10/19/23. Lastly, he said that the payment portal for AP Exams will be open from 10/16/23-11/1/23.

Mr. Siddarth Chandra spoke about fall sports and noted that playoffs start in about a month. He said the volleyball team is currently playing in their Dig Pink game. He also noted that soccer and field hockey are both currently playing Milford. He noted the win Franklin football had vs. Taunton last week.

He added that Senior quotes are due by 11/1/23. Also, college representatives have been holding meetings for interested students at FHS.

He said the class of 2025 is holding their prom on 5/3/24. He said a prom committee has been formed and are looking for members. He also noted that the PSAT is on 10/14/23.

E. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Giguere updated the community that the FHS will be playing at Fenway Park on 11/21/23 vs. King Philip.

He noted there will be an early release on 10/18/23 for grade level PD. He also noted there is a full day of PD on 11/7/23, which is also election day.

He shared a migrant housing update and said it is being done on a staggered basis. He said students are enrolled across all levels and like all students, their privacy is protected. He said the leadership team continues to work with the town and attends weekly meetings.

Mr. Giguere also shared a hiring update. He said there is a special education position at the elementary school level, 7 ESP positions, 1 AP position at Keller, and an Interventionist position. He noted that the Joint Budget Subcommittee will meet on 10/11/23.

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

Mr. Callaghan asked if there is a timeline for when to expect disbursements from the state?

Mr. Giguere replied that he has heard it is supposed to be broken up quarterly but has not been contacted directly yet.

Mr. McNeill asked for an update to how the migrant situation is currently going and how is ESL helping to assist needs?

Mr. Giguere replied that they have worked to get the students enrolled but are still prioritizing the planned initiatives they have committed to within the district. He said with any addition of new students there are adjustments made.

Dr. Rogers said they are keeping a close eye on student enrollment and needs.

II. Guests/Presentations

A. ECDC School Improvement Plan - Mr. Andrew Bernabei

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

Mr. Bernabei said this plan is very consistent with the elementary plan. He spoke about Strategic Objective #1: Social-Emotional Well-being of Students and Staff. He talked about the eDECA tool. He also spoke about the new curriculum at ECDC and said most of their PD this year will be focused on learning the curriculum inside and out.

He also spoke about Strategic Objective #4: Effective Two-Way Communication to Support Student Learning and specifically #4.A. Strengthen Community Partnerships. He noted that he wanted to be in touch with and work with Criterion Early Intervention. He also noted meeting with and reaching out to many community partners such as The Franklin Public Library, The Franklin Senior Center, Dean College Early Childhood Education Program, and Franklin High School, etc.

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

Ms. Bernstein likes the idea of community coming together and community outreach goals.

Mr. Callaghan agreed with Ms. Bernstein.

Mr. Charles asked for clarification that the name of the curriculum is called PreK On My Way and asked for more information.

Mr. Bernabei replied yes and said the curriculum covers all areas like fine/gross motor, early literacy, some social/emotional, etc. He said they began the curriculum after the second week of school.

Mr. Charles asked if events are held only during the day?

Mr. Bernabei replied the majority is during the day and a lot of events have been outside.

Mr. McNeill asked about the process for developing the MTTS?

Mr. Bernabei said it looks different than the older levels but not necessarily delivered in a different way.

Mr. McNeill asked him to speak about the importance of early intervention.

Mr. Bernabei replied that it has been shown that to access EI now that literacy will increase.

Mr. McNeil asked Mrs. Marano about staffing at ECDC.

Mrs. Marano said they have added additional classes. She said classroom sizes are stable currently. She spoke about the importance of supplying early intervention early on and also noted the cost benefit.

Mr. McNeill asked about eDECA and how screening looks at ECDC compared to Panorama?

Mr. Barnabei said he didn't feel that Panorama was comparable to eDECA because eDECA is just for early childhood.

Mr. McNeill asked if it is collecting similar data?

Mrs. Marano said the data is similar to the DESSA.

Ms. Stokes noted that Mr. Barnabei brings a new perspective to ECDC. She also noted that she appreciates him thinking outside the box for places to hold ECDC events. She commended him for listening to his staff about their PD wants. She noted that it's tough to gauge enrollment with preschool age children, also the rolling enrollment at ECDC. She said this is something to keep in mind when it comes to future budgets.

Mr. Barnabei replied that many of the issues she has brought up he has dealt with in the past. He also noted that their enrollment is lower in the afternoon classes than morning classes.

Ms. Whitmore said that her kids all went to ECDC and said the school is a great resource.

Mr. Giguere said that a staff member recently asked about providing students lunch who are there all day. He said they met as a team and now are able to provide lunch.

Mr. Charles asked if that is covered under the free lunch program?

Mr. Giguere said yes.

Mr. Barnabei also replied that about 72 families said yes to the program.

III. Discussion/Action Items

A. ECDC SIP

I recommend approval of the ECDC School Improvement Plan as presented.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

B. Establish Activity Accounts

I recommend approval of establishing activity accounts, for the purpose of fundraising, for the following current clubs: Model UN, Southeast Asian Club, and Board and Games Club as discussed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

Ms. Stokes asked if these clubs currently do not have activity accounts?

Mr. Giguere replied that school committee needs to approve the creation of any club accounts.

C. MASC Delegate Nomination

I recommend nominating Mr. Al Charles to serve as the MASC delegate for the Franklin School Committee as discussed.

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** - Superintendent goals at the next meeting
2. **Budget** - next meeting 10/24/23; Joint Budget Subcommittee is 10/11/23
3. **Policy** - next meeting 10/18/23
4. **Community Relations** - successful booth at the Harvest Festival

B. School Committee Liaison Reports

1. **Joint PCC** - next meeting 10/16/23
2. **School Wellness Advisory Council** - next meeting 12/5/23
3. **SEPAC** - Basic rights workshop 10/19/23 at 7:00pm. Parent meetups monthly. Franklin SEPAC and SAFE Coalition will be co-hosting a seminar on mental health and suicide awareness on 12/5/23.
4. **Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force** - met on 10/10/23; next meeting 11/14/23

5. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion** - next meeting 10/26/23
6. **Comprehensive School Facilities Planning Committee** - N/A

VI. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

I recommend approval of the minutes from your September 26, 2023 meeting as detailed.

B. JFK Gifts

I recommend acceptance of two checks totaling \$1,466.27 from the JFK PCC as follows:

\$1,225.00	JFK PCC	Field Trips
\$ 241.27	Christina Pamarico	Supplemental Supplies

C. Parmenter Gift

I recommend acceptance of a check for \$3,933.10 from the Parmenter PCC for supplemental supplies as detailed.

Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill

Approve: 7 Oppose: 0

Motion Carries 7-0

- VI. Good of the Order** - Mr. Callaghan praised outgoing members, Ms. Spencer, Ms. Stokes, Ms. Bernstein, and Ms. Whitmore.

VII. Citizen's Comments

Ms. Sharon Bogart, 50 Shady Lane.

Ms. Bogart is new to Franklin and wants to advocate for some changes and improvements. She said she supports the committee and appreciates what they do.

VIII. New Business

To discuss any future agenda items

Mr. Giguere shared the anticipated items for the 10/24/23 meeting:

- Superintendent's Goals
- Last meeting for some outgoing members
- MASC resolutions

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

A. 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 Franklin Cafeteria Union, 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

Roll Call Vote: 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

Motion Carries 7-0

X: Adjournment at 8:01pm

Respectfully submitted,
Christina Tocci, Secretary

SC Agenda 10-10-23
Payroll Warrant #2407 Summary.pdf
Payroll Warrant #2407.pdf
Payroll Warrant #2407M.pdf
Payroll Warrant #2407M2.pdf
FPS Summary & Sign Off 101023.pdf
SC Warrant 092123.pdf
SC Warrant 092823.pdf
ECDC School Improvement Plan 2023-24.pdf
Discussion Action A - ECDC SIP.pdf
Discussion Action B - Activity Accounts.pdf
Discussion Action C - MASC Delegate.pdf
Consent Action A - Minutes.pdf
Consent Action B - JFK Gifts.pdf
Consent Action C - Parmenter Gift.pdf
Executive Session Minutes-8-8-23-DRAFT.pdf
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