

**Franklin School Committee**  
**September 26, 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-Absent; 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**

We proudly introduce Meryam Zaki as tonight's Keller Kid who will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meryam is a fifth grader at Keller in Mrs. Martinelli's class. Meryam demonstrates Keller's core values in many ways. Meryam shows care for others by always greeting them with a smile. Meryam is intelligent. She is a motivated and curious learner!

She shares that she loves math, especially when she needs to stop and think and tap into her problem solving skills. Meryam is an avid writer, stating she enjoys the freedom of writing, and letting her ideas flow from her mind and out on the paper.

Currently, Meryam is reading Bone, a graphic novel and fantasy series. A goal Meryam has for herself this year in fifth grade is to explore and grow her learning in science. Meryam is respectful of her peers, teachers, and school. She considers others' ideas and is a great collaborator. When asked, Meryam shared that all of Keller's core values are important to her, but she identifies "respectful" as the one that connects to all the others - you are respectful when you show care, are inclusive, and appreciate how we are ALL unique.

Outside of school, Meryam enjoys playing soccer, being outside, making milkshakes with her friends, and playing with her cat, Nalia. Together with her parents, we are so proud of her!

## **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**

Ella Mahoney said the club fair was held last Thursday and Curriculum night will be held on 9/28/23. She added that the class of 2027 recently elected their class officers. She noted some upcoming important dates:

10/4: FAA information night

10/5: Homecoming game vs. Taunton

10/6: Homecoming Dance

10/1: Tickets go on sale for Legally Blonde

10/11: Nurses Office Flu Clinic

Sawyer Whitmore spoke about fall sports and noted some recent games by the volleyball, football, boy's soccer, and girl's soccer teams.

Ms. Mahoney added that the class of 2024;s graduation will now be May 31, 2024. She said that senior photos and baby photos need to be submitted by 10/6/23 and senior quotes are due for the yearbook by 11/1/23. Senior project information meeting will be held 10/3/23 for anyone interested.

Ms. Whitmore added that the prom venue has changed this year and will be held at the Lakeview Pavilion in Foxboro on 5/3/24.  
She also added that the PSAT Test will be held on 10/14/23.

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

Ms. Bernstein said she is looking forward to the Legally Blonde production.

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

Mr. Giguere said 9/26/23 was an early release PD day.

Elementary level: curriculum implementation collaboration

MS: UDL

HS: Curriculum design and writing

K-12 service providers joined Dr. Lisa Gallagher on the topic of PANS and PANDAS.

He added that the next PD day is 10/18/23.

He said that Fenway Park will host the Thanksgiving Day game on Tuesday 11/21/23 at 7:30pm vs King Philip. Tickets can be purchased at [redsox.com/highschoolfootball](https://www.redsox.com/highschoolfootball).

Finally, he said a fan expectation email went out earlier in the evening to families.

**Mr. Spencer asked the committee for any questions/comments from the committee?** There were none.

## **II. Guests/Presentations**

### **A. 6-12 School Improvement Plans**

*\*See presentation slides for more detailed information*

**Franklin High School - Mr. Josh Hanna; Dr. Maria Weber; Mr. Michael Walsh**

Mr. Hanna spoke about Strategic Objective #1: Social-Emotional Well-being of Students and Staff. He talked about accomplishing this through surveys and screenings.

He spoke about the Advisory program being in its second year, noting that last year's focus was on the World of Difference. This year 10th grade's focus is on executive functioning. He noted that 11th grade's focus is email etiquette and 12th grade is mindfulness.

Mr. Walsh spoke about Strategic Objective #2: Engaging and Rigorous Curriculum and Strategic Objective #5: Affirm Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for All Students. He noted that all of these objectives are inter-connected.

Dr. Weber spoke about Strategic Objective #3: High-Quality Instruction to Meet the Academic and SEL Needs of Each Learner.

She spoke about using UDL as a framework for the way they design and implement lessons. She noted PDD time, lesson planning. IST teams, and the districtwide social worker.

Mr. Hanna spoke about Strategic Objective #4: Effective Two-Way Communication to Support Student Learning. He noted that the FHS newsletter is helpful, the PCC who meets regularly, and the Franklin High School School Council.

**Middle Level - Ms. Lizzie Morrison; Mr. Craig Williams**

Ms. Morrison spoke about Strategic Objective #1: Social-Emotional Well-being of Students and Staff. She noted they are using Panorama to accomplish this goal. She also spoke about Advisory which is the first period of the day. She also noted the tier system of behavioral support.

She also spoke about Strategic Objective #2: Engaging and Rigorous Curriculum. She noted they are continuing to implement Open SciEd this year and continued revisions of the Civics Project.

Mr. Williams spoke presented on Strategic Objective #3: High-Quality Instruction to Meet the Academic and SEL Needs of Each Learner. He spoke about the first initiative and strengthening tier 1 through universally designed practices.

He also talked about Strategic Objective #4: Effective Two-Way Communication to Support Student Learning. He gave different examples like the PCC and School Council. Also, bringing people back into the building, and student-led conferences.

He also spoke on Strategic Objective #5: Affirm Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for All Students. He said this is a by-product of everything they are trying to accomplish in objective's 1-4.

**B. K-5 School Improvement Plans - Dr. Sarravy Connolly; Ms. Stefani Wasik; Mr. Brad Hendrixson; Ms. Kerri Busavage; Mr. Evan Chelman**

Dr. Connolly spoke about Strategic Objective #1: Social-Emotional Well-being of Students and Staff. She said this year they will continue to implement their multi year implementation for tiered systems of support which includes counselors, teachers, and administrators. She said the school-based team meets regularly to reflect on current practices and to make changes based on student needs.

Mr. Hendrixson spoke about Strategic Objective #2: Engaging and Rigorous Curriculum. He noted the work with Illustrative Math and the Math Specialists. He noted the new literacy program and thanked the Literacy Specialists for their hard work.

Mr. Chelman spoke about Strategic Objective #3: High-Quality Instruction to Meet the Academic and SEL Needs of Each Learner. He spoke about UDL and how they are looking to strengthen their Tier 1 instruction and strengthen teacher's capacity.

Ms. Wasik spoke about Strategic Objective #4: Effective Two-Way Communication to Support Student Learning. She spoke about family engagement and involvement, welcoming families into the building, and community partnerships.

She talked about open house night with families, PCCs, parent volunteers, and celebrating student achievements.

Ms. Busavage presented on Strategic Objective #5: Affirm Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for All Students. She spoke about UDL, learning opportunities for students, and the district's focus on curriculum. She also noted discipline and using restorative practices.

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

Ms. Bernstein said she appreciates the collaboration across all of the levels.

Mr. Callaghan asked about tiered supports and costs associated with them?

Mr. Giguere replied they are intentional about strengthening their tier 1 support. He said they have tier 2 and 3 in place, some that are currently funded by ESSER but will go away. He said the idea is for educators to have solid practices in place.

Mr. McNeill asked about screening student behaviors and if it is a district-wide approach?

Mr. Williams replied regarding the middle level and the use of the institutional support teams. He said they utilize their flex blocks for interventions and lunch groups.

Mr. Hanna replied that similarly they utilize the IST teams at the high school. He noted Panorama being a useful tool here for any heads up to patterns or behaviors.

Mr. McNeill asked about integrating restorative practices?

Mr. Hanna spoke about how they utilize the safe coalition in terms of substances but still are still working towards it when it comes to circumstances where victims are involved and do not want to participate in restorative practices.

Ms. Wasik also replied about discipline, restorative practices, and providing students with support to help them be successful.

Ms. Stokes followed up on restorative practices and asked about elementary and middle as she didn't see it clearly documented in the presentation. She wants to ensure what is happening in the schools is documented on paper.

There was a discussion about restorative practices at the elementary level.

Ms. Morrison said that the Advisory time is primarily used for proactive instruction. She added that they all use restorative practices but it wasn't the focus of this goal.

Ms. Stokes asked Dr. Rogers if there is a list of projected areas of curriculum?

Dr. Rogers replied that there is an outcome of the District Improvement Plan and Strategic Objective #2.

Ms. Stokes thanked all of the administrators in the room for their hard work.

Ms. Whitmore said thank you for the presentations and she liked to hear about SEL and collaboration.

Ms. Spencer asked if there was feedback from families on how student led conferences went?

Ms. Morrison and Mr. Williams replied that they had positive feedback for the most part. They said fall is teacher led with spring being student led.

Ms. Spencer asked how the updated bullying policy procedural safeguards of victims and updated civil rights policies fit into Strategic Objective #1b?

Ms. Morrison said it is part of the mandated training for staff. She said at the middle level, they have their handbook meetings.

Mrs. Marano said it is also discussed in Advisory at the middle and high school level.

Mr. Giguere said they also conducted administrative training.

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

#### **A. K-5 School Improvement Plans**

**I recommend approval of the K-5 School Improvement Plans as discussed.**

Ms. Stokes made a motion and Mr. McNeill seconded.

Mr. Callaghan asked if they are voting on the SIP in the packet or on the SIP with edits that were being made by the principals during the meeting?

Mr. Hendrixson noted 1b is where he made the changes in the report.

Mr. Callaghan made a motion to vote on the updated K-5 School Improvement Plan as amended. Mr. McNeill seconded.

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

**Approve: 6 Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 6-0; with 1 absent**

#### **B. 6-12 School Improvement Plans**

**I recommend approval of the 6-12 School Improvement Plans as discussed.**

**Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill**

**Approve: 6 Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 6-0; with 1 absent**

**IV. Discussion Only Items**

- A. ACCEPT Quarterly Report**
- B. BICO Quarterly Report**

Mr. Giguere noted that these are 4th quarter reports from June 30th.

**V. Information Matters**

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

- 1. Superintendent Evaluation** - Superintendent goals to come in October
- 2. Budget** - met 9/26/23; next meeting 10/24/23
- 3. Policy** - next meeting 10/18/23
- 4. Community Relations** - will be set up at the Harvest Festival behind Teddy Gallaghers

**B. School Committee Liaison Reports**

- 1. Joint PCC** - N/A
- 2. School Wellness Advisory Council** - next meeting 10/3/23
- 3. SEPAC** - Basic rights workshop 10/19/23 at 7:00pm. SEPAC meeting on 9/27/23.
- 4. Mental Health and Well-Being Task Force** - next meeting 10/10/23
- 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 12, 2023 School Committee Meeting as detailed.

**Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill**

**Approve: 6 Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 6-0; with 1 absent**

**VII. Citizen's Comments** - there were none

**VIII. New Business**

To discuss any future agenda items

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

- Superintendent Goals



- ECDC presentation/goals

**IX: Ms. Spencer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion: Ms. Stokes; Second: Mr. McNeill**

**Approve: 6 Oppose: 0**

**Motion Carries 6-0; with 1 absent**

**X: Adjournment at 8:39pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Christina Tocci, Secretary

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Payroll Warrant #2405M Summary.pdf

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Payroll Warrant #2406 Summary.pdf

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FPS Summary & Sign Off 092623.pdf

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SC Warrant 091423.pdf

Elementary School Improvement Plan 2023-24.pdf

FHS School Improvement Plan 2023-24.pdf

Middle School Improvement Plan 2023-24.pdf

Discussion Action A - K-5 SIP.pdf

Discussion Action B - 6-12 SIP.pdf

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