

DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 21, 2014

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

Jen Barsamian, Chair	Tom Ryan, Vice Chair	Mayanne Briggs
Joe Heisler –Excused Absence	Kevin Coughlin	Susan Butler-Walko
Rachel McGregor		

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

June Doe, Superintendent
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Michael LaFrancesca
Kathy Gaudreau

Meeting began at 7:01 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND MATH LEAGUE STUDENTS:

Nancy Clement introduced the Avery and Greenlodge School high scorers:

Avery School

Grade 4

Kynan Davey
Jeff Delva
Rawad Berghol
Finn Prendergast
Clarissa Soda

Grade 5

Alyssa Bukowski
Daniel Pasciuto
Eleanor Pearrow
Isabella Zaferacopoulos
Daniel Sula
Samer Berghol

Greenlodge School

Grade 4

Marvin Bojkov
Sarah Goode
Jacob Laprade
Owen Croscup
Sophia MacKinnon

Grade 5

William Dwyer
Eric Reilly
Brenden Murray
Jack Fonseca
Joseph Iantosca

STUDENT UPDATE – Gail Coughlin - May 22 – All district art show, senior final exam May 27 – May 30th. The Prom will be on May 30 at Lombardo’s. DHS Class Night will be held June 3rd. Graduation is June 7th at 1:00 p.m. Last day for seniors is May 23rd. Seniors have 2 school days left. Gail Coughlin thanked the School Committee. Chair Barsamian and Superintendent Doe thanked Gail for providing the student updates and gave her a gift on behalf of the School Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Mrs. Smedile provided the School Committee with an update regarding transferring the Riverdale Special Education Program to the Oakdale School. Superintendent Doe has invited the Special Education parents to the Oakdale School on May 29th to tour the school and answer questions. Mrs. Smedile

acknowledged she looks forward to this meeting on the 29th and would like to follow up at another School Committee Meeting. Chair Barsamian stated she would touch base after the 29th.

TEC AGREEMENT

Annual requirement that needs to be signed by the School Committee Chair. Mrs. Briggs added that the TEC program has been beneficial and would like to continue the relationship. Mrs. Briggs motioned to accept the agreement, seconded by Mrs. McGregor, voted unanimous. Mrs. Barsamian signed the TEC agreement.

MINUTES

Corrections to the May 7, 2014 minutes: Add Mr. Tim Geary and Dr. Rachel Dudley to the Superintendent's Search. Motion made by Mr. Coughlin to accept the May 7, 2014 minutes as amended, seconded by Mrs. Briggs, voted unanimous.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Avery School - The Avery Summer Institute will be running this summer from July 7th to August 1st including Adventures in Engineering I and II, Digital Storytelling, Computer Programming and Robotics, Creative Cupcakes, and Sensational Science. The brochure is posted on the Avery website. Avery students were entertained by Voci Angelica on Monday morning. This performance, made possible through a grant from the Dedham Arts Council, traced the migration of early humans across the globe through music and voice. The Dedham High School Concert Band will be performing for Avery students on Thursday, May 22nd. The District Art show will also be held tomorrow, May 22nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dedham Middle School. Some Avery third grade students will be participating in the English Language Arts End of Year PARCC field test on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 27th and 28th. The Avery students will be assessed with a paper and pencil test.

Greenlodge School - Students at Greenlodge completed the math and science MCAS. Mr. Banios is very proud of their effort and motivation. Greenlodge is holding their annual plant sale today. Endicott Community Greenhouse sponsors the sale. Additionally, they send terrific volunteers to our school to teach students key science concepts about plants and life science. Lunchtime Learners, our seniors volunteer program is close to an end this year. We really appreciate the vibrant and enjoyable experience that they provide to our students. Children are exposed to traditional crafts and games and have an option for recess that wouldn't otherwise exist. New recess equipment is here! Mr. Banios purchased almost 3000 worth of equipment to provide our Greenlodge students with more structured games and fun. Outdoor soccer, lacrosse, and street hockey are now a regular part of our recess experience.

Riverdale School - Tomorrow morning, the Dedham High School band is visiting Riverdale to perform a special concert for students. Mr. Bolduc and his students will teach the children about the different instruments, and then play a variety of songs for our 1-5 graders. Next week Riverdale's Student Council hosting its first Spirit Week. For a two dollar donation students and faculty may dress up to show their school spirit throughout the four-day school week. All donations collected will go towards our Field Day event. Tuesday will be "Sports Day" Everyone can wear their favorite team's gear to school, minus cleats and shoulder pads. Wednesday will be "Color Day" Each grade level has been assigned a different color to wear. Thursday will be "Throwback Day" Everyone is invited to wear clothing from the 50s, 70, 80s or 90s. Friday will be "Pajama Day" Everyone can come to school wearing their favorite pajamas.

High School - Advanced Placement Testing and the Mathematics MCAS Testing for all sophomores ended on Wednesday, May 14, 2014. The spring concert took place last night and all of the performers did an amazing job! We should be very proud of the work that our musicians and singers have done this year. They have improved with each performance. PARCC Testing for randomly selected juniors ended today after two mornings of testing. The last day for seniors will be on Friday, May 23, 2014 and senior exams will take

place from May 27, 2014 to May 30, 2014. The prom will be held at Lombardo's in Randolph on Friday, May 30, 2014. The Spring Booster Banquet will take place on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Senior week will be from Monday, June 2, 2014 to Saturday, June 7, 2014. The Biology MCAS for all freshmen will be on Monday, June 2, 2014 and Tuesday, June 3, 2014.

Middle School - Representative Paul McMurtry visited the middle school today to present letters of recognition to the grade 8 students who assisted as guides and hosts in February to the members of the Ways and Means Committee. Representative McMurtry also presented a citation from the members of the House of Representatives to Principal Gately for her leadership in hosting and providing assistance on that day to the representatives. Congratulations to all students who successfully completed MCAS in Math and Science over the past two weeks. Congratulations to the many students and faculty members from Dedham Middle School who completed the walk for cystic fibrosis this past Sunday.

Upcoming Fine Arts Events at Dedham Middle School

May 22 – District Art Show

May 27 – DMS Choral Concert – 7 pm

May 29 – DMS Band Concert – 7 pm

ECEC - On Thursday, May 15 several of the ECEC Kindergarten classes took a field trip to the Boston Common, Public Gardens and the Swan Boats, learning a little about the city of Boston, the Swan Boats and the 'Make Way for Ducklings' exhibit. Many of our classes are reading or have read that book so to actually explore the setting of the classic story was extremely educational and a lot of fun. Those Kindergarten classes that did not travel to Boston have opted instead to visit the Franklin Park Zoo later in June. On Friday, May 16, the annual ECEC Open House was held, for the incoming students to bring their families to school for a meet and greet and a guided school tour with a huge response from Dedham High School's classes of 2027 and 2028. Students comprising our incoming Kindergarten class are undergoing Kindergarten Screening which provides us with another opportunity to meet many of our new students and families.

CONTINUATION OF THE RECOGNITION OF THE NEW ENGLAND MATH LEAGUE

STUDENTS: Nancy Clement introduced the Oakdale and Riverdale School high scorers:

Oakdale School

Grade 4

Owen McNamara

AJ Cucinotta

Jack Doyle

Ben Pfeifer

John Riley

Tyler Rutherford

Malcolm Whitfield

Grade 5

Liam Flynn

Ryan Roberts

Rudecia Bernard

Matthew Thissell

Allison Breare

John Wilkinson

Riverdale School

Grade 4

Jack Millea

Michaela Cronin

Kaitlin Sullivan

Samantha Cahoon

Gavin Keogh

Grade 5

Calvin Peterson

Paul Jeannetti

Momoko Kudara

Emma Egan

Eleanor Antsy

Lauren Murphy

Max O'Connor

COMMUNITY CARE SURVEY

Gail Kelley, Nurse Leader and Margery Bohan, Director of Health/P.E. presented a PowerPoint presentation on the summary of the survey of Community Care. This survey is located on the Dedham Public School Website. Discussions and questions followed by the committee.

DONATIONS

Motion made by Mrs. Briggs, seconded by Mrs. Walko with grateful appreciation to accept 2 donations, voted unanimous.

1. \$2,304.50 from the Dedham Savings Bank – a value of 275 iPad sleeves for the Dedham High School 1:1 initiative.
2. \$700.00 Target Field Trip Grant Program for the Riverdale School grade 4 field trip to the Lowell National Park in April or May.

Mrs. Barsamian announced that Assistant Superintendent Michael LaFrancesca is moving to the Medfield Public School System at the end of this year and wished Mr. LaFrancesca the very best. Mr. LaFrancesca thanked the committee and Superintendent Doe over the past eight years.

Mr. Coughlin suggested inviting the Greenlodge Lunch Time Learners to a School Committee Meeting. Mrs. Walko suggested an upcoming agenda item – Guidance and Advisory

Mrs. Briggs motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. McGregor, voted unanimous.

Meeting ended at 8:50 p.m.