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DEDHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 2013

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

June Doe, Superintendent
Cynthia Kelly, Assistant Superintendent
Michael LaFrancesca, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance
Kathy Gaudreau, Director of Special Education

Meeting began at 7:07 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Dedham High School-Thursday, October 3, 2013: AP Kickoff Assembly will take place in the Dedham High School Auditorium at 9:45. Saturday October 5, 2013 SATs will be held at Dedham High School. Tuesday, October 8, 2013: Parent Conferences and Junior College Planning Night. Parents and guardians of juniors are encouraged to sign up for teacher conferences from 6:00 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. Parents, guardians, and juniors are encouraged to attend our Junior College Planning Night in the cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our guidance staff will give a presentation on the college search process for parents, guardians, and juniors. October 15, 2013 to October 18, 2013: Spirit Week

Middle School - The MCAS Enrichment Program letters were mailed to families on September 30, 2013. The program for Math and English enrichment starts on October 10 and will run every Thursday through May. DMS Enrichment Programs –Ceramics which will be taught by DMS art teacher Mrs. Tracey and Athletic Strength and Conditioning which will be taught by Mr. Joe Huff. These programs will run weekly, September through December. New programs will be offered beginning in January.

Greenlodge - Open House was on September 26th. It was very well attended and Mr. Banios spoke to parents at the PTO meeting that took place in between sessions about the importance of involvement in your child's school. Pumpkin Patch takes place this Saturday October 5th.

Avery School- Avery School held the annual Summer Academic Awards assembly. Students who had completed the math activities over the summer received certificates. Students who completed the reading will receive a book. Two students won the chance to have lunch with Mrs. Sullivan, first grader Isabelle Giacomozzi and fifth grader Ryan DiStasi. The Avery School Back to School Night was held Thursday, September 26th. About 180 out of 244 families attended to visit the classrooms and meet the teachers. The PTO held a short meeting and an election for the final parent representative to the Avery School Council was held. October is National Bully Prevention Month. Officer Pucci will be visiting the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students on Monday, October 7th to present his annual anti-bullying presentation. On October 9th Avery students and staff will join others across the nation in wearing orange in support of Unity Day. By wearing orange they are showing they want to stand together to end bullying.

All of the elementary schools had their Annual Open Houses during the month of September. Building Principal's report that they were very successful and many parents were in attendance.

MCAS scores and accountability information was send home with students in Grades 4 and 5 reporting the data from the spring administration of the MCAS. If parents have specific questions or concerns regarding their child's results please do not hesitate to contact the classroom teacher or your building principal.

Oakdale: This Friday, Oakdale will be holding their annual Building Our Oakdale Community Day. This event will take place from 9-12. Various field events, interactive activities and a DJ will take place during that time. The focus is building community and fostering good sportsmanship. Students will be giving chips for displaying good sportsmanship and being an Oakdale Peacebuilder.

5th Student Council Elections were held last Friday. Congratulations to the following students who were elected to represent the 5th graders: Mabel McCormick, Macy Gorman, Andrew Davis, Mollie Crowley, Billy Parr, Alora Olsen, Liam Flynn, Colleen Mercer, Frankie DeSario, Grace Doyle, Matthew Thissell, and Joseph Ray.

CHAIRS UPDATE:

Mrs. Briggs gave an update on behalf of the DEF. Bernie's run will take place this Sunday at 11:30 – registration with DEF through the website. Proceeds will go back into the classroom.

Mrs. Barsamian gave an update regarding the Dedham Open studios, which will provide volunteer opportunities for DMS and DHS students.

REPORTS

The MCAS accountability report was presented by all the building principals who reported the results of each school. The report is available on the DPS website.

MINUTES

Mrs. Briggs motioned to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013 meeting, seconded by Mr. Ryan. Voted unanimous, approved. 7-0

DONATIONS

Mrs. Barsamian motioned with grateful appreciation to accept three donations.

- \$150.00 donation from Dedham High School Alumni Association to Dedham high school bereavement group that meets with school psychologist and adjustment counselor.
- \$6584.75 donation from the Avery PTO – representing the registration fees collected for the Avery Institute account. Funds will be used to continue funding student enrichment and activities.
- \$4284.48 donation from the Avery PTO – representing the funds collected for the Avery Principal's account to be used to continue funding supplies for classes, student enrichment and activities.

Mrs. Butler Walko seconded with grateful appreciation. Voted unanimous, approved. 7-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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