

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2013**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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

Meeting began at 7:04pm

Superintendent Doe expressed her sincere condolences to the Rummpp family, on behalf of the Dedham Public Schools staff and School Committee.

REPORTS

Principal McCarthy presented a PowerPoint presentation for the Dedham High School Improvement Plan

Mission: In partnership with the home and community, Dedham High School prepares each student for life's responsibilities, challenges and opportunities to thrive in the 21st century.

Core Values: Rigor, Relevance, Responsibility, Relationships, Respect

21st Century Learning Expectations: Students will be active, engaged learners, communicate clearly and effectively, work independently and collaboratively, use technology to access, evaluate and apply appropriate information for authentic learning opportunities, use analysis, evaluation and creativity in problem-solving, demonstrate character through personal responsibility, appreciation of diversity, and ethical behavior.

Principal McCarthy discussed DHS accomplishments, and Goals. Goal #1 - Academic excellence, Goal #2 - Positive learning environment, Goal #3 - Respect, Goal #4 - Support and open communication. Discussions took place regarding the two-year and five year follow-up plans, and surveys for current seniors and those who graduated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

DMS - Spring afterschool enrichment program information will be sent home on March 21st. Programs this spring will include Yoga, Exploring Music Technology and Ceramics. DMS Parent Group meeting will be held March 21st at 7:00 p.m.

RIVERDALE – Students in grades 4 and 5 participated in the interactive Behind the Mask Workshop on March 13th. Mask mask-making workshop, offered by Eric Bornstein, a presenter with the Young Audiences of MA. Grade 4 classes visited DHS's science center on March 14th. March 15 grades 3, 4, and 5 students enjoyed original skits created and staged by the Riverdale School Council – how to remember to get good rest, eat a healthy breakfast during testing period.

GREENLODGE - The Greenlodge Variety Show was held last Friday, March 15th. There were 34 different acts of students in grades 1-5. MCAS Break Dance was held on March 22nd, sponsored by the PTO to give students a break in the middle of MCAS testing.

AVERY - Congratulations to Avery students on their participation in the Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart program. Our students jumped rope and shot baskets in physical education classes to earn \$3122.70 for the American Heart Assoc. Avery 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are gearing up for the Dedham Foundation Spelling Bee on April 5th.

OAKDALE - Congratulations to Soraya Gonzalez in Mrs. Graceffa's first grade, who won the MA School Library Assoc. Bookmark Contest for Division I. This year's theme was "Books and Beyond" to reflect the vision of our evolving School Libraries. Soraya will be recognized at a ceremony at the State House next week. Congratulations to the following students who won the Cambridge Science Festival's Curiosity Challenge. Each student will be recognized at an awards ceremony on April 21st. Luke Wilkinson – Gr. 2, Soraya Gonzalez – Gr. 1, Vanessa Pugliesi – Gr. 1, Hannah Kane – Gr. 2. Oakdale PTO sponsored an Internet Safety Night for all DPS parents presenting tips for parents regarding internet safety curriculum at each grade. Dr. Langenhorst and Mrs. Nels presented tips for parents regarding internet safety.

CHAIRS UPDATE

Chair Mayanne Briggs thanked the High School seniors for putting on their production of "Footloose" this past weekend, it was a great success. The Policy Sub meeting will be tomorrow at 4:00. Finance Committee Meeting tomorrow at 6:30, town hall. Sophomore Semi formal this Friday evening at the Endicott Estate 7:00 – 10:00 pm, for 10th grade students. Trivia night to benefit the All Night Graduation Party - moved to Friday night.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP

Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mr. Ryan to approve the High School to take 90 students to Saco, Maine for the University of Maine's Physics Day on May 16th with Ms. Amanda Bragan and 5 chaperones. Roll call vote:, Kevin Coughlin-YES, Jen Barsamian-YES, Dimitria Sullivan-YES, Tom Ryan-YES, Susan Butler-Walko-YES, Joe Heisler-YES, Mayanne Briggs, YES

MINUTES:

Motion made by Mr. Ryan and seconded by Mr. Heisler to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2013 School Committee Meeting. Voted unanimous.

DONATIONS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Motion made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Butler Walko to adjourn at 8:44 pm.