

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
September 5, 2012**

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 previously opened at Executive Session under exemption 2.

Meeting began at 7:05

MOU UPDATE

The Policy Sub Committee recommended to the School Committee the revised MOU - Memorandum of Understand which has been mutually agreed upon between Dedham Public Schools and the Dedham Police Dept. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 last week on the proposed policy. Pending the vote, this new policy will be effective tomorrow, Sept. 6, 2012. Amend page 4 section B, housekeeping change: Add the word guardian to the current word parent to read parent/guardian. Discussions took place. Mrs. Briggs requested a Re-evaluation next summer. Mr. Heisler requested an annual update.

Motion made by Mr. Ryan to adopt the MOU as drafted on August 22, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Roll call vote: Mr. Ryan – YES, Mrs. Sullivan-YES, Mr. Heisler – YES, Mr. Coughlin-NO, Mrs. Butler-Walko-YES, Mrs. Barsamian-YES, Mrs. Briggs-YES. MOU Policy voted and to be in effect Sept. 6, 2012.

Mr. Coughlin thanked Dave Roberts and previous sub committees and the current sub committees.

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

The opening day went very well in each building, principals are highly energized. Congratulations to Principals, support staff and teachers and parents.

First day yesterday for all professional staff. Presented 2 awards: Ed Kelley – in memory of previous superintendent went to Ruth Dorsey, Oakdale Teacher.

The Shad Araby Award was given to the team of custodians at the middle school – pleasure to work with, totally responsive and represent the DPS well.

REPORTS:

Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Kelly updated the School Committee on the summer professional development: Participated number of workshops: Nancy Clement and Bonnie O’Neill had a 5 day workshop for 11 elementary teachers, developing electronic resource documents that are needed to implement the common core standards – for mathematics for each grade level. Massachusetts Crosswalk documents – a chart that puts side by side the changes between MA curriculum and common core standards to see how they are similar and how they are different. Kathy Oravetz and IT Dept. had a workshop with 20 DHS teachers on the ipad, google docs training, Aug. 21st 16 additional staff members were trained on ipad2, cloud training, netbook training. Lightspeed browser, August 29th new teacher training for 22 new teachers. Aug. 28 – New teacher orientation hosting Teachers 21 with Lyndy Johnson – 5 hr workshop at the Endicott estate. Each earned 5 hours towards mentoring. 7 Reading specialists and classroom teachers reviewed the assessments on the Treasures Reading Program.

AP GUIDANCE REPORT – Dr. Joanne McCormick, Director of Guidance

Mr. Geary, Ms. McGran and Ms. Andrew

Dr. McCormick gave statistics on the Senior Guidance Surveys from 2011, 2012 along with the Senior Exit Surveys from 2010, 2011, and 2012. Graduation statistics from the classes of 2009- 2012 Score Profiles: including SAT accept averages, how many students applied and accepted to each college. Trends in AP program over a course of 5 years, continuous growth over the years, with the number growing over the years. DHS Profiles 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 – Class rank, SAT information. All info came from the College Board and Naviance. DHS held financial aid night, College admissions night, all grade levels – Tentative Sept. 18 in café - Applications have increased up by 15%. Ms. Andrew spoke about freshmen program and the Naviance program focusing on college careers. Pre and post tests. Reading course directory. Internship thru the Education Cooperative, hands on – new ideas. Questions and Discussions took place with SC
SC thanked Dr. McCormick and guidance staff. Mr. Murray spoke about the Freshman Teaming Model –student achievement, decrease in discipline, summer school decreased, increased attendance, supporting students who needed extra attention. Double meeting time, morning sessions for parents, coffee hour for parents, Sept. 14 Crimson team and Sept. 17 Gray and Freshman orientation information.

Mrs. Doe updated the process of updating student information. Letters went home to parents regarding electronic health data with the process, and passwords on how to enter student health information on the secure website. Parents who do not choose to enter the data on line can still submit hard copies.

MINUTES

Mr. Ryan made the motion to accept the July 18, 2012 School Committee minutes, seconded by Mr. Heisler, And voted unanimous. Mr. Ryan made the motion to accept the August 15, 2012 School Committee minutes, seconded by Mr. Heisler, and voted unanimous.

DONATIONS

Mrs. Sullivan motioned to accept with grateful appreciation a donation from the Dedham Savings Bank for iPad sleeves, maroon covers, for each 10th grade student, seconded by Mrs. Barsamian, and voted unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Mr. Heisler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:01, seconded by Mr. Coughlin, and voted unanimous.