

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2012**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

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

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION PRESENT WERE:

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

Superintendent June Doe introduced Dr. Krista Lucas, the new Riverdale Principal. A reception will be held at the Riverdale School next Wednesday evening 6:00-8:00 with a light supper, for all Riverdale families to join us in welcoming Dr. Lucas.

Attorney Michael Podolski from the Sunrise Rotary International Club, donated dictionaries to all third grade students in Dedham which will be distributed to the elementary schools this week.

Announcements: Instrumental concert with band students, vocal night tomorrow night, National Jr. Society induction on June 11, Field days on June 13 and 14. Grade 8 will come to the high school on June 15, promotion rehearsal, annual cookout sponsored by the Dedham Police and Dedham Inst. For Savings, with their 8th grade dance that evening on the 18th.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Caitlyn Brennan, won the Boston Globe Silver Key award for writing. Reggie LaRoche shot put 4th in the state 53' 2.5', Sean Bershall – new high school record High Jump 3rd in the state 6' 6", Reggie LaRoche shot put 4th in the state 53' 2.5', Ellen Maslasky 9th in State 107 ft Girls Javlin.

REPORTS

UPDATE ON BAY STATE LEAGUE ATHLETICS – MR. MICHAEL PLANSKY AND MR. RONMCCARTHY

10 teams went to the tournament this year, working with the youth programs in town, building up the programs at the younger age to get more competitive, anticipates the numbers will go up. MIAA Expansion – league changes. Football will not change the rival teams. Timeline for the expansion, schools have to apply one year in advance of leaving the league. Trying to make the league stronger. Mattress Fundraiser – June 16th. Bowling Tournament at Kings on June 24.

ECEC SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN – DR. JESSICA HAMMOND

Dr. Hammond announced the following individuals that helped prepare this document: Monika Wilkinson, Andrea Griffin, Paul Sullivan, Kim Lynch, Emily Hutton, Margaret Wilds and Susan Butler-Walko. Accomplishments included introducing Everyday Math in Preschool, with continued support for Kindergarten teachers. Implemented Lucy Calkins Writing Program, increased the use of nonfiction text, created a summer reading/math calendar for students entering first grade. Offered parent workshops on Literacy, created bus safety rules, created a diversity committee to build cultural awareness and appreciation.

LITERACY PROGRAM – MRS. CYNTHIA KELLY

Introduced Reading Specialists and Principals.

Treasures program was implemented to grades 1,2,3 this year. Treasures is a comprehensive Reading Language Arts program developed with the goal that all students grow to be life-long readers and writers. Anticipate moving to grades 4 and 5 next year. The results are consistency across the district, comprehensive, research-based Language Arts instruction, explicit and systematic teaching, alignment with Common Core State Standards, Knowledge and skills applied across all curriculum areas.

The “big five” components are: Phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. There will be a summer workshop with continued professional development and implementation in grades 4 and 5.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Revised 2012-2013 School Calendar. Changed March 19 to March 12 due to MCAS conflict. Mr. Ryan motioned to amend the revised calendar, seconded by Mr. Heisler, voted unanimously.

MINUTES

Mr. Coughlin motioned to approve the March 21, 2012 minutes, Mrs. Butler-Walko seconded, voted unanimous, with Jen Barsamian abstaining, and changing the 2011 to 2012 typo.

Mrs. Ryan motioned to approve the May 16, 2012 minutes, Mr. Heisler seconded, voted unanimous, fix typo, an extra space in the word “minutes”.

DONATIONS

1. \$150 to the Dedham Middle School Library from the Dedham Women’s Exchange.
2. Ipad from John Thomas and Special Friends fund.
3. \$500 from the John Thomas and Special Friends fund air marked for Nancy Coppola and Kathy Gaudreau for the special education dept.
4. Dictionaries for all grade 3 students from Attorney Michael Podolski and the Sunshine Rotary International Club.
5. \$250 Safety Grant – annual donation to keep kids safe after graduation.
6. \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim Health for

Mrs. Sullivan made the motion with grateful appreciation to accept all the donations, Mr. Heisler seconded, voted unanimous.

Mr. Heisler motioned to adjourn, Mr. Ryan seconded, voted unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10.