

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2011**

Corrected 9/14/2011

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

Kevin Coughlin, Chair-absent	Joe Heisler-Present
Mayanne Briggs, Vice Chair-Present	Dimitria Sullivan-Present
Dave Roberts-Present	Susan Butler Walko-Present
Tom Ryan-Present	

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

The Co- Chairman of the School Committee, Mayanne Briggs, convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Welcomed families and honored outstanding Dedham High School students who have perfect scores on the 2011 MCAS Exam: Miroslava Abrahamchuk (ELA), Meiya Berkey (Biology), Kathleen Nolan (Biology), Kelly Patterson-Gerber (Biology), Kerianne Downing (Math), Laura DiRaffale (Math), Jessica Girgis (Math), Jaime Carter (Math)

Exceptional Commended Scholars: Elizabeth Dellea and Kate Rocha

National Hispanic Recognition Program: Kate Rocha

PUBLIC COMMENT

Molly Kittleson thanked teachers in the area of science throughout the system.

Mr. DelloIocono updated and asked for support for the Annual Pep Rally and Parade, scheduled for the night before the Thanksgiving game, no cost at 7:00 pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

On November 1st, notification that the Dedham School District was placed on the College Board 2nd Annual AP District Honor Roll, one of 364 schools nationally. Superintendent congratulated High School staff and students.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Completed successful NEASC visit. First time Open House at the middle school on Nov. 15th at 6:30-7:30 for all families in grades 1-5 with tours and information, light refreshments. Halloween dance for all 6th grade students was held on October 28th.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL – Celebrating American Education Week November 15th and 16th. Parents are invited to visit the school 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00. Teacher schedules will be sent home November 14-25th. National Anti Bullying weeks are November 14-25th. Riverdale will sign the prevention oath provided by the program The Power of One thru the school council.

OAKDALE SCHOOL – Starting Monday, The Dedham Youth Commission is piloting their new afterschool homework program at the Endicott Library on Mondays 3:00-4:00. Open for students in grades 3,4,and 5, provided by high school students under direction of Robert Blaney, Director of DYC.

ECEC – All Preschool registrations need to be postmarked by November 14th for the ECEC Lottery on November 22. Kindergarten registrations will take place November 14 – 18 at the ECEC 9:30-2:30. Full day Kindergarten lottery will be held January 25th at 9:30 at ECEC.

FRIDAY NIGHT – 5:00 Reception for all community members who donated to the lights. The football game is at 7:00 vs. Walpole. Parking will be available at the middle school, St. Mary’s parking lot. No parking at the lot at the H.S. lot.

HIGH SCHOOL SKI TRIP

Mr. McCarthy presented information regarding the High School Ski Trip to Loon Mountain on January 28, 2012.

VOTE: To approve the High School Ski Trip to Loon Mountain. Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Heisler, approved unanimous.

STUDENT MEMBER REPORT

None

CHAIR’S UPDATE

Mr. Heald’s fundraiser will be held November 18 at Moseley’s. The Dedham School of Music had a recital this past Friday evening and it was well attended.

REPORTS

Guidance Goals: Dr. McCormick presented the Goals of the Guidance Dept. with focus on the Anti-bullying program in coordination with the Physical Education Dept. Career Day this year for Sophomores, PSAT testing, Alumni Day for Juniors in March, Increasing the use of Naviance, with the teacher recommendations this year. Mr. McCarthy spoke about the college process, developing and building relationships between students and guidance counselors, graduate surveys and using Naviance Program. Mr. Murray spoke about Freshman Teaming, transition to grade 9, building relationships and communication.

Riverdale School Improvement Plan:

Principal Claypool presented goals and plans. Present were School Council Members _____
Mrs. Goldberg-Sheehy, Mrs. Polito, Mrs. Costello
Mrs. Jeannetti reviewed highlights from the 2009-2011 plan.

Lease for TEC and Little Sprouts – Mr. LaFrancesca presented information to extend the TEC and Little Sprouts Lease to a 12 month term.

VOTE: To extend the lease for the TEC and Little Sprouts Program to a 12 month term.

Mr. Heisler moved, seconded by Mr. Roberts, approved unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

VOTE: To accept the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2011

Mr. Roberts moved, seconded by Mr. Ryan, roll call vote was taken:

Joe Heisler, Yes	Susan Butler-Walko - Yes
Mayanne Briggs, Yes	Dimitria Sullivan, Abstained
Dave Roberts, Yes	
Tom Ryan, Yes	

DONATIONS

None

VOTE: To adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Ryand, seconded by Mr. Roberts, approved unanimous.

Meeting ended at 9:16p.m.

Next School Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2011 at the Dedham Middle School Auditorium.