

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2011**

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL, COMMITTEE PRESENT WERE:

Kevin Coughlin, Chair	Joe Heisler
Mayanne Briggs, Vice Chair	Dimitria Sullivan
Dave Roberts	Susan Butler Walko
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

The Chairman of the School Committee, Kevin Coughlin, convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

CHAIR'S UPDATE

October 2nd - Bernie's Run @ the Village Manor at 11:00, proceeds go to the Dedham Education Foundation raising substantial funds, thanked everyone for attending.

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE:

Avery School - 2nd grade parents and students provided new 1st grade students an Ice Cream Social on Sept. 29th. Smile Dental Program, a mobile dentist program on October 13th. Sept. 29th – Recognition of Summer Reading and Math – 69% of the students returned their reading materials and 50% of the students returned the math materials.

Oakdale School - 3, 4, 5th grade – new study on student friendships, conducted by Professor Julie McAvoy from Boston College. The findings will help design intervention programs
MA Safe Routes Program – 100's of students participated in the Annual Walk to School Day, joined by State Representative Paul McMurtry. Parent Laura and David Park donated 100's of apples.

Curran Center - Held a Workshop called "Help Me Get Ready To Read".

Riverdale - Walk to School Day – and Walking Wednesdays Program.

Important Update: The Dept. of Education sent a letter indicating the 2011 MCAS grade 10 tests are being re-issued, from an error which affected approximately 80% of the grade 10 students who took the 10th grade Math test in the Commonwealth. That error has now been corrected. Anticipate receiving them this week. Should be available October 6th and letters will be mailed home.

STUDENT MEMBER REPORT – Chairman Coughlin welcomed Student Representative Michael Ryan. Report: High School Drama Club, Festival of Plays will be October 4th. Meeting with Guidance Dept. re: Naviance, an on-line application for college applications. On 10/12 seniors will be measured for caps and gowns. Brag sheets will be handed out to all students. Overview of college search process. Girls varsity soccer team 9-1-2. Football team 2-2. Survey on the website regarding graduation for parents and students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Sullivan made the motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2011. Mrs. Butler-Walko seconded the motion. All in favor.

DONATION:

\$600 donation was made from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care sponsored by Cailin Smith, mother of Delaney Smith received this grant to be used by both the ChildCare and the ECEC.

Motion to accept the donation with grateful appreciation was made by Mr. Heisler and seconded by Mrs. Briggs. All in favor.

NEASC Visit - Middle School is in preparation of NEASC visit on Oct. 23. The team will tour at noon with guests, followed by a student performance, a meeting with SC members and Board of Selectmen, and parent and teacher interviews. They will stay here Oct. 23, 24 25 then depart Oct. 26th. The report will be available 60 days later.

DHS Open House – Principal McCarthy discussed details regarding Open House for students in grades 4-8 tomorrow night. Complimentary tickets will be given out.

TRIP TO SPAIN - Foreign Language Dept. Chair discussed details to take 8th grade students to visit Madrid and the southern coast of Spain for 9 days leaving April 12 and returning April 20th. Spoke to approximately 15 students and parents about the educational component and itinerary information in April 2012. Chaperones are DMS teachers, Ms. Sparrow and Mr. Nadeau. Motion to approve the trip to Spain this April was made by Mr. Heisler, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. All approved.

MMSI PROGRAM

Representative McMurtry informed the committee that the funding of \$500,000 Stem Pipeline Fund was approved for the Math and Science Initiative. Mr. Mort Orlov, President of MMSI presented information on advanced placement and congratulated Dedham teachers on their incredible achievement. The Governor has a Stem Advisory Council to endorse funding for additional resources, budgeted \$90,000 for Dedham. Dedham had outstanding performances in their AP classes. Presented a powerpoint presentation.

MCAS RESULTS – Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Kelly analyzed MCAS results. Science Dept. Chair Louise Young spoke regarding the Science and Engineering Program, a technology and construction program. English Dept. Chair John LaFlamme explained the Writing with Colors – concept to help visual learning students with a color coded program at the middle school. Spring 2011 MCAS Result Powerpoint presentation available on the website.

AVERY SCHOOL UPDATE: On time and on budget, occupancy permit for track this week.

FACILITIES MANAGER SEARCH: Interviews are complete, 3 finalists. Negotiations being made.

Next meeting scheduled for October 19, 2011

Motion made to adjourn made by Mr. Ryan, seconded by Mrs. Butler-Walko.

Meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.