

**Norfolk School Committee
MINUTES
Freeman-Kennedy School – Media Center
Wednesday • December 18, 2013 • 7:05 PM**

Mission Statement

The Norfolk Public Schools offers a safe, joyful and challenging learning environment that meets the needs of our diverse students. Through school, family and community partnerships, we provide an education that inspires life-long learners and cultivates caring and productive citizens of our ever-changing world.

Call to Order

Shawn Dooley, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call: Mark Flaherty, Kelly Peterson and Shawn Dooley

Also Present: Dr. Ingrid Allardi, Superintendent and Pam Kinahan, Recording Secretary

Absent For Roll Call: Jeff Chalmers and Thomas Doyle.

Late Arrival: Thomas Doyle arrived at 7:42

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Motion: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the TPA's donation of \$3,090.28. Mr. Peterson second. All in Favor. The motion was passed unanimously

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORT

Massachusetts Education Partnerships Presentation

Nancy Peace, Executive Director, Massachusetts Education Partnership, gave a presentation to the School Committee on interest-based bargaining in the collective bargaining context.

King Philip DECA Project

Motion: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to allow the DECA students from King Philip to send flyers home for the collection of items needed for our soldiers who are overseas. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in Favor. The motion was passed unanimously.

Regional School Committee Chair's Meeting

Mr. Dooley spoke to the committee about his recent meeting with the Wrentham and Plainville School Committee Chairs. One topic of discussion was to ensure that our curriculums are coordinated with the common goal of our children entering the middle school. There is much anticipation for the next meeting with possibly a joint school committee meeting/round table/retreat to discuss general issues.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Norfolk Public Schools Partner Application – Boston College

Lisa Altham-Hickey, Principal of the Freeman-Kennedy, and Cheryl Lassey, Adjustment Counselor at Freeman-Kennedy, brought this application to the Committee. The friendship project entails Dr. MacEvoy, Assistant Professor at Boston College, collecting data from students 3 times during the academic year. The results of the project will be shared with faculty, along with resources and materials for supporting students in developing and maintaining friendships.

Motion: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept Boston College's application for school partnership. Second by Thomas Doyle. Three Committee members in favor. Mr. Flaherty opposed. The motion was passed.

At 7:55pm The Committee took a five-minute recess.

At 8:00pm the Committee resumed the meeting.

Neighboring Districts Use of Facilities Fees

Dr. Allardi presented to the committee the building use/rental costs from neighboring communities. Dr. Allardi recommended to the School Committee that a \$20.00 hourly rental fee be charged for use of the gymnasium for non-school partners. Dr. Allardi will update the fee schedule and report back to the Committee at the next meeting.

Norfolk Public Schools Family Handbook

Motion: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the Norfolk Public Schools Handbook. Second by Mr. Doyle. All in favor. The motion was passed.

Emergency Planning

Dr. Allardi spoke about the recent Professional Development Day. All staff, teachers and substitutes practiced several scenarios on how to respond to a live shooter in the building. At the end of the training, everyone felt empowered and prepared. Members from King Philip, Wrentham and Plainville were invited to attend. Local police will follow-up and answer questions at the next staff meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NEST

NEST continues with their 2nd annual t-shirt fundraiser. It has been extended to December 20th.

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None.

Policy Sub-Committee

The Policy Sub-Committee will present to the Committee at the next meeting the incidental changes to Student Costs and Fees Policy, and Student Health Services. Also, changes in approval of School Partners will be presented for a first reading.

Budget Sub-Committee

After the School Committee meeting, the Budget Sub-Committee will meet to discuss the 2014 expenses.

Technology Sub-Committee

Dr. Allardi reported that the Tech Steering Committee had their first meeting. The committee will be developing the scope and sequence of technology skills.

Building Sub-Committee

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept Norfolk Public Schools Partner Renewal Application for SEPAC. Second Mr. Doyle. All opposed. The motion was denied at this time until the up-to-date version of the application is completed and re-submitted.

Motion: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to accept the NTA's renewal application for School Partnership. Second Mr. Doyle. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously.

The next **School Committee Meeting** will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2013. Prior to the meeting the Policy Sub-Committee will meet. The Budget Sub-committee will meet at the close of the School Committee Meeting.

Motion: Mr. Flaherty made a motion to go into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with union personnel; and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; and not to reconvene in Open Session.

Roll Call at 8:30: Mark Flaherty, yes. Kelly Peterson, yes. Thomas Doyle, yes. Shawn Dooley, yes.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1 Donations
- Exhibit 2 Boston College Application for Partnership
- Exhibit 3 Neighboring Districts use of facilities
- Exhibit 4 NPS Family Handbook
- Exhibit 5 SEPAC Partnership Renewal Application
- Exhibit 6 NTA Partnership Renewal Application
- Exhibit 7 School Committee Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, November 5, 2013
- Exhibit 8 Interest-based Bargaining in the Collective Bargaining Context, a short introduction by Nancy E. Peace