

Joint Meeting of the Nauset School Committees
Nauset Regional Middle School
March 14, 2013

Present for the Brewster Committee: Dave Telman, Donna Kalinick, Jennifer Rabold, Brenda Cazeault,

Present for Eastham Committee: Laura Freeman, Joanne Irish, Mary Lou Sette

Present for Orleans Committee: Josh Stewart, Gwynne Guzzeau, Mary Lyttle (7:30 p.m.)

Present for Wellfleet Committee: Chair Plaue, Betsy Pontius, Terri Frazier, Jill Putnam, Mort Inger

Present for Region Committee: John O'Reilly, Sarah Blackwell, Ed Brookshire, Cheryl Codair, Jayne Fowler, Jon Porteus, Sue Skidmore

Present for Administration: Richard Hoffmann, Bonny Gifford, Ann Caretti, Giovanna Venditti

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Plaue called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m

CITIZENS SPEAK

None

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Stem In Action

Dr. Bonny Gifford introduced Roger Faucher, Robotics Teacher at Nauset High School and Maggie Brown, Science Teacher at Eastham Elementary School as presenters for the science program. She also indicated that the robotics program is now in the fourth grade and Mr. Faucher is working with Middle School teachers at this time.

Mr. Faucher gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding STEM Skills for 21st Century Learners that included his background, the vision for Nauset, the Robotics proposal, MIT STEM boot camp, teaching STEM with Robotics, Atlas Curriculum Mapping, various software programs, and showcased some robots made Nauset High School students.

Ms. Brown presented several robotic creature models that were developed by students in Grade K – 5. All students are working on programming and incorporating writing into their science curriculum by writing a story about their creature.

Mr. Faucher concluded the presentation by stating how good it was to have teachers at the high school, middle school and elementary schools working together on this program.

Flipped Classroom

Kathleen Tringale, Science Teacher (Intro to Physics) at the High School, gave a Power Point presentation on the “Flipped Classroom.” Her goal was to free up class time to problem solve rather than lecture and have students take notes. She also wanted her students to troubleshoot problems together following the appropriate steps. She posts her teacher’s notes on the website for students to review.

At home students listen to and take notes at their own pace while listening to a video lecture. Textbooks can be accessed for additional support and students may be directed to additional support material. The benefits of flipping is that it allows for more “differentiated” instruction, there is a greater student-teacher and student-student interaction in the classroom, pre-lecture notes allow for being able to engage in meaningful dialog in the classroom, time for more individualized instruction, absent students are able to access information and family members become more knowledgeable about what is being learned.

She indicated that it takes a great deal of time to teach this way, that it is not for everyone, and it is not for every subject matter. She surveyed her students with some liking it and some wanting to go back to lecture and note-taking. She is very excited about what she is seeing in the classroom.

Policy Manual Update – Section C

Chair Plaue asked that the Committees approve, “in form,” Section C of the Policy Manual.

Brewster

On a motion by Dave Telman, seconded by Donna Kalinick, it was voted unanimously to approve, in form, Section C of the Policy Manual.

Region

On a motion by Jon Porteus, seconded by Jayne Fowler, it was voted unanimously to approve, in form, Section C of the Policy Manual.

Wellfleet

On a motion by Mort Inger, seconded by Jill Putnam, it was voted unanimously to approve, in form, Section C of the Policy Manual.

Eastham

On a motion by Joanne Irish, seconded by Laura Freeman, it was voted unanimously to approve, in form, Section C of the Policy Manual.

Orleans

On a motion by Gwynne Guzzeau, seconded by Josh Stewart, it was voted unanimously to approve, in form, Section C of the Policy Manual.

Chair Plaue noted that the current Nauset Policy Manual is still in effect until all the sections of the revised manual are approved by the Joint Committee.

Report from Union 54 Working Group

Gwynne Guzzeau updated the committee on topics discussed at the Union 54 working meeting which included: Special Need Transportation costs being an issue in Eastham, Preschool in Eastham, Kindergarten classes growing in Orleans and Brewster, role of the Assistant Superintendent, joint PTC meetings throughout the district, and the Superintendent Evaluation Process. At the May 9th meeting the Union 54 group will focus on the Superintendent's evaluation.

Dr. Hoffmann announced that Dr. Bonny Gifford was chosen as the new Superintendent for the Falmouth Public Schools and indicated she has been an outstanding partner!

He also thanked Emily Vieneau for videotaping the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2013 meeting with one correction noted in the vote on page 3. which should have read: 6 yeas, 2 nays (not to nays) to approve the Central Office Budget with the exception of facilities coordinator and reduce the budget by \$35,000.

AJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mort Inger, seconded by Jill Putnam, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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