

WELLFLEET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES ~ Tuesday, August 13, 2013 ~ 4:30 PM
Wellfleet Elementary School Staff Room

Members Present: *Chair*, Jan Plaue, Terri Frazier, Mort Inger, and Jill Putnam, Betsy Pontius

Administration Present: *Superintendent:* Dr. Hoffmann, *Director of Finance and Operations:* Giovanna Venditti *Principal:* Mary Beth Rodman
Reporter: Marilyn Miller

I. CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA CHANGES

Jan Plaue called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jan added the topic of Common Core; what are School Committees responsibilities? to the end of the agenda.

III. MEMBERS SPEAK

Mort Inger mentioned a group forming regarding Elementary Charter Schools on Cape that he read about in the Cape Cod Times.

Mort asked if Giovanna Venditti's reports could be more explanative.

Jan asked if there is a report from the Pre-Kindergarten Committee that Terri Frazier is on. Terri has not heard from the group for two months.

IV. CITIZENS SPEAK

V. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Administrators' Reports

1. Principal's Report ~ Written.

- Mary Beth Rodman added that the Extended School Year is servicing six students.
- The 60% Curriculum Support Position was offered to a candidate.
- The written Principal's report was corrected under School Events to read: September 19 is Curriculum night with a start time of 5:30 PM (in lieu of 6:00 PM as printed.)
- Jan asked for clarification on the position of Volunteer Coordinator.

B. FY13 Budget

Giovanna Venditti provided a handout of a comparison of FY12 & FY13 budgets. Jan asked for total cost of programs (allocation) to be included, not just the subsidy.

C. Update on the Roof

Dr. Hofmann summarized the MSBA's process regarding the roof. The MSBA will vote on January 29, 2014 to determine if WES qualifies for partial reimbursement from the state for the roof repair project. Jan suggested presenting the project where it stands in November to FINCOM. Dr. Hoffmann provided a handout on the Proposed Project Schedule; Accelerated Repair Program.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. Cape Cod Collaborative

Jill Putnam reported:

- There have been 2 meetings since this committee was in session. Jill attended the June meeting.
- Four superintendent transitions were facilitated by the Center for Executive Search
- Handbook has been reviewed
- Alternative Education programing is now called Waypoint Academy
- Smart Edu
- Chinese International Exchange Program
- Virtual HS offered to Exchange Program students
- ELN Early Learning Network is looking to streamline efforts

B. PTA

No summer meetings. Next meeting September 10, 2013 at 4:30 PM. at WES. All present voted in favor of the motion.

C. Joint Meeting

The committee discussed the recent meeting facilitated by former Nauset Superintendent Michael Gradone.

Jill asked if there is a Superintendent Review Committee that was formed. The group has not met.

The next policy meeting will be in August.

D. Preschool

There will be Nauset Integrated School programming at all Nauset Elementary School buildings except Orleans and Eddy for FY14.

E. Common Core

Jan referred to a mailing from Issues in School Governance asking the question, what is the responsibility of School Committees relative to the Common Core? Discussion followed.

Betsy suggested handouts during curriculum night. Mort suggested sharing with FINCOM those handouts as an insert along with the budget.

VII. Approval of Minutes

Mort motioned and Terri seconded to approve the Minutes from June 11, 2013 after correcting Section VI, Item A, second bullet from the bottom to read: *A committee was formed to provide a nucleus for Early Childhood Needs in diverse programs.* The motion passed unanimously, with Betsy abstaining.

VIII. Payments of Bills

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mort motioned and Terri seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 PM. All present voted in favor of the motion, with Betsy abstaining.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ferro

Postscript: *Dr. Hoffmann will revise the Wellfleet School Committee 2013-2014 members' information handout for the next meeting with edits. (Eliminate any cell phone number for Jill Putnam and correct Betsy Pontius's cell number to 508-292-2208.)*

REF: Agenda for August 13, 2013, Principal Rodman's August report, Financial Reports from Giovanna Venditti dated August 5, 2013, Minutes from June 11, 2013.