

WELLFLEET SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES ~ Tuesday, September 10, 2013 ~ 4:30 PM

Wellfleet Elementary School Staff Room

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

Members Absent: 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 and switched the order of items A and B under section V to accommodate Ms. Murray's schedule.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jan reported that she will assist on the Policy Committee when Betsy Pontius is otherwise unable to do so. Jan reports, on Betsy's behalf, that Betsy chair the October meeting, but (Betsy) is not able to attend the January meeting.

III. MEMBERS SPEAK

None.

IV. CITIZENS SPEAK

None.

V. PRIORITY BUSINESS

B. Update from Food Service Program Director

Susan Murray discussed ideas for increasing participation in the school lunch program. Jan asked for more frequent updates. Here are some highlights:

- WES did not see a decrease in lunch program participation due to a 25 cent increase per student lunch, but other Nauset schools did.
- Connecting classroom to lunchroom is important.
- Cafeteria Manager Tonya Felix is initiating Taste Testing Tuesdays in the café.
- Tonya attended the John Stalker Food and Nutrition Workshop (2 days) this summer.
- Harvest of the month starting at WES/ Farm to School/ September's harvest is tomatoes
- 'My Plate' trading cards associated to monthly tastings may be considered.
- Food to Play (live show/ assembly)
- Discussion on ideas to increase participation and encourage tasty nutritious eating and education via WEB/PTA/Notices/Etc.
- Try to boost adult meals
- Breakfast for lunch continues to be a popular menu item
- Veggie Burgers and Veggie Pizza have been added to student menu choices.

A. Administrators' Reports

1. Principal's Report:

Mary Beth Rodman reports a happy start to the school year. She added that the Masonic Angels Foundation donated 2 laptops for students in need.

2. Assistant Superintendent's Report:

The Committee liked the bulleted presentation of Keith Gauley's report. Focus areas were explained. See Dr. Hoffmann's handout.

3. Director of Student Services' Report:

Dr. Caretti submitted a statement about a new SN student that is attending School Choice in Provincetown. First estimates on cost are \$63,000. This additional FY14 expense however will be Town Funded. Circuit Breaker funds may be applied (\$9,600.)

4. Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Hofmann said the opening day for staff went great!
- There are 29 new teachers across the district.

- Kudos to the new Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Keith Gauley.
- Some Nauset schools will pilot the following (to eventually replace MCAS) Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC).
- Some (state) amendments were made to the Anti-Bullying Law that now extends to staff.

C. **FY14 Budget Update** (the word "final," which preceded the word "Budget" in this agenda item, was removed.)
Giovanna Venditti gave a budget update.

D. Update on the Roof

The roof project is moving along on schedule.

E. Update on Superintendent's Evaluation

It was suggested that a sub-committee made up of representatives from each school committee in Nauset be assembled to focus on the Superintendent's mid cycle evaluation that might use the ideas below. Dr. Hoffmann distributed a handout, "Superintendent's Evaluation – 2013-2014."

- What is the process (what happened)?
- What was the achievement outcome? (what resulted from it happening)?
- What are 2-4 goals?

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. Cape Cod Collaborative

Jill will attend tomorrow's meeting.

B. PTA

Next meeting/ later tonight.

C. School Council

Council will meet next week.

D. Joint Meeting

Scheduled for September 18, 2013.

E. Preschool Enrollment

VII. Approval of Minutes

Mort motioned and Terri seconded to approve the Minutes from August 13, 2013 with the following corrections:

- Section VI, Item A, first bullet should read: *"There have been 2 meetings..."*
- Section VI, Item B, will be corrected to read: *6:30 PM. All present voted in favor of the motion.*

VIII. Payments of Bills

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Mort motioned and Terri seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM. All present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ferro