

UNION 54 School Committee
Thursday, March 31, 2016

Present for the Committee:

Brewster: Dave Telman, Marie Enochy, Claire Gradone

Eastham: Ann Crozier, Mary Lou Sette, Amy Handel (late) and Judy Lindahl

Orleans: Josh Stewart and Hank Schumacher

Wellfleet: Jan Plaue, Jill Putnam, and Mort Inger

Call to Order

Chair Crozier called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Citizen Speak

None

Strategic Planning

Marie Enochy began the meeting stating there is a Strategic Plan in place and for years school committee members have been saying we will look at what the elementary schools are doing and see if we can work together. She went on to state that common issues may include working with town officials, overrides, programming at each elementary school, hiring new teachers, students feeding into the Middle School with similar experiences in elementary schools, universal preschool and after school programs.

Superintendent Conrad indicated that Principal Minkoff will be used as a resource when we start to look at the Strategic Plan in the future. He also indicated that he would ask Principals to do some brainstorming.

Josh Stewart suggested Committees reflect back on their visioning events from 2010-11. It was noted that some information will be pertinent and some will not due to the age of the visioning events.

Hank Schumacher suggested looking at the school calendar and give parents options. It was noted this was a contractual item. Judy Lindahl emphasized that committee member should keep an open mind and know the NEA is always open to conversation and dialog with the Administration. Members were reminded that Negotiations will begin in October for the next contract.

The Superintendent suggested that at the April School Committee meetings members brainstorm ideas, then take that list and merge it into a list for the District. The revised list would be reviewed in June. He would like to focus on three ideas to move forward. Subcommittees could be formed to work on the ideas and come back to the committee in September or October. The Superintendent will check on the posting for that type of agenda item.

Hank Schumacher indicated that he would like to hear from the Principal of the Middle School as to how the students are fitting in at the Middle School and if she has seen any change in the last five years. Consistency was suggested in the elementary schools but each school's uniqueness was also mentioned.

Teacher salaries, retirements, budgets, and health insurance were mentioned.

The Committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.