

Granby Public Schools

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School Committee Meeting Agenda East Meadow School Library February 1, 2022

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Ms. Jennifer Bartosz, Chairperson; Ms. Stephanie Parent, Vice-Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Mallette; Ms. Audrey Siudak; Ms. Jill Pelletier

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Stephen Sullivan, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, Director of Finance & Operations; Members of the Senior Leadership Team

GRANBY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Cheryl Denette (President of GEA)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Markus Baran

- I. Call to order: Ms. Bartosz called the meeting to order at 6:32
- Consent Agenda:
 - A. VOTE: Minutes: January 18, 2022

MOTION: Ms. Parent motioned to approve the minutes as amended from January 18, 2022, seconded by Ms. Siudak

VOTE: All in favor (4-0-0)

The Evidence Document files will be added to the website.

II. Visitors Comments:

Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee must sign in with the Administrative Assistant prior to the opening of the Regular Session of the School Committee. The visitor will identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than three (3) minutes. For anyone who is unable to sign in ahead of time, we ask that you clearly state your name and address, so that this information can be included in the record for the meeting (See Granby Public School Committee Policy BEDG).

III. Student Representative Report: Markus Baran

Mr. Baran discussed the new cyber security course which is part of the project lead the way. There will be a Class of 2024 t-shirt fundraiser and a senior calendar raffle. He also spoke about the Daily Dino newsletter and some of the activities the music department is working on.

IV. Granby Educators' Association Report: Cheryl Denette

V. New Business:

A. AP Computer Science: Mr. Kerns

They will be presenting at February 15th's school committee meeting.

B. Mask Violation/Handbook Language: Mrs. Jordan

Mrs. Jordan would like to update the current mask policy to include disciplinary actions for the habitual offenders of students who violate the current mask policy.

MOTION: Ms. Mallette motioned to approve the disciplinary actions to be added to the current mask policy seconded by Ms. Parent.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

C. Lacrosse Donation: Mrs. Jordan

The girl's lacrosse team received a \$500 donation from a local company and a \$50 donation from Garvey's Nutrition in Wilbraham to use for their new lacrosse uniforms.

MOTION: Ms. Siudak motioned to accept the donation for girls lacrosse seconded by Ms. Pelletier.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

D. School Improvement Plan

a. Granby Junior-Senior High School

Mrs. Jordan discussed the focus priorities for the Junior-Senior High School Improvement Plan that included advanced coursework completion, Grade 10 MCAS, and chronic absenteeism.

b. East Meadow School

Mr. Lataille discussed the focus priorities for East Meadow School Improvement Plan that included chronic absenteeism, analyzing MCAS results, and designing powerful learning experiences leading to improve student achievement.

VI. Continuing Business:

A. School Capacity Presentation

The school capacity group met and presented to the committee what they have been working on regarding school capacity. They let the committee know the members of the group when the meetings were and what they did at the meetings, the financial considerations entailed with the capacity issue, the kindergarten projections until 2027, and the potential problems in the future. The committee will take suggestions regarding which avenue to focus more on when finding a solution to the capacity issues. The scenarios were to move 6th grade to the HS or to limit school choice or not offer Pre-K. However, these options need to be looked into further to see if any is a possibility.

B. Focus Indicators

The focus indicator discussion and documents will be delved into in the next two meetings.

VII. Standing Reports:

A. Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan told the committee about the at-home testing transition and over 300 staff and students have signed up so far. There will be another vaccine clinic on February 6th at East Meadow. Granby Jr. Sr. High School and East Meadow School continue to build relationships between students and staff.

B. Finance & Operations Report:

Mr. Tarquini

Mr. Tarquini spoke about an increase on some of the budget lines which were the results of the Governor's preliminary budget being released.

C. Collaborative of Educational Services (CES):

Ms. Pelletier

Ms. Pelletier met with C.E.S. and a budget update was provided. The Executive Director's report has not been released yet. The director's evaluation was discussed.

Granby Public Schools Mission Statement

In the Granby Public Schools, we focus on the whole child, to develop a community that empowers every student to become civically engaged, service-minded, responsible, intellectually curious, and prepared individuals engaged in our culturally diverse and global community. We encourage the respectful and constructive exchange of feedback within and outside our schools as a pathway to continuous improvement, leading to fearless learning.

Granby Public Schools Vision Statement

We believe that relationships matter. We believe in the promise of every child, in the purpose every child brings to learning, and in the passion every child possesses. We believe that learning is about the growth of all aspects of the child - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.

Granby Public Schools Strategic Goals

Goal #1: Develop and implement (P)K-12 curricula, supported by authentic learning in all content areas.

Goal #2: Granby Public Schools leadership team will exemplify transparency and trustworthiness, and engage with all members of the school district and community.

Goal #3: Provide the necessary technology to support curricular needs.

Goal #4: Develop modern facilities that support authentic learning environments.

The Granby Public School Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. Therefore, the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Visitors wishing to address the School Committee must do so adhering to the guidelines and specifications as outlined in Granby Public School Policy BEDG. A copy of the full policy can be found at or by contacting the Superintendent's office at 413-467-7193.

"Please be advised that this meeting will be video and audiotaped as well as televised" [Per MGL Ch. 30A sect. 20(e) anyone wishing to video or audio record an open session of the school committee meeting must notify the Chairperson. We request such notification five (5) days prior to the meeting date.]

Every Student Every Classroom Every Day

The Granby Public Schools strives to provide a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment in which all students can thrive and succeed in its schools. The Granby Public Schools prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, or homelessness and ensures that all students have equal rights of access and equal enjoyment of the opportunities, advantages, privileges, and courses of study.