

PLEASANT POINT PASSAMAQUODDY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 13, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

Community via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alberta Newell, Chairperson,
Theresa Sapiel, Vice-Chairperson,
Traci Neptune, Rachael Nicholas, Holly Cleaves.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Reza Namin, Superintendent,
Dan Morang, Principal,
Beth Clifford, Maine Indian Education Curriculum Coordinator
Heather Augustine, Wabanaki REACH Program

1. Chairperson Newell calls the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Nicholas, to approve the revised minutes of the December 14, 2021 meeting. Voted Unanimously.
3. Wabanaki REACH Programming Presentation by Heather Augustine. Ms. Augustine who is a member of the Elsipogtog First Nation Canada and lives in Maine explained the mission of the REACH Program as supporting the self-determination of Wabanaki people through education, truth-telling, restorative justice, and restorative practices in Wabanaki and Maine communities, designing the structures and processes to be responsive to Wabanaki communities, and beneficial to Wabanaki people. A vision of envisioning a future when Maine and Wabanaki people join together to acknowledge the truth and work collectively toward equity, healing, and positive change, aspire to restore right relations, responsibility, compassion, love, reciprocity, abundance, and joy. The REACH Program value believes in the natural strength and beauty of Wabanaki culture, language, and ways of believing in the power of Wabanaki people learning the truth about history and reclaiming traditional healing practices, and honoring and promoting Wabanaki values of taking care of one another, of being grateful, joyful, loving and forgiving. There would be a series of professional development dedicated to the REACH Program.
4. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to employ Thomas Libby as a year-round Night Janitor/Security with a written reasonable assurance for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Voted Unanimously.

5. Consideration of the Superintendent's Recommendations to Employ Coaches with Extra-Curricular Contracts:
- a. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. Nicholas to employ Jennell Sapiel as a Girls' Basketball Coach with an extra-curricular contract for the 2022 Season. Motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstained.
 - b. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Nicholas to employ Carol CJ Francis as a Boys' Basketball Coach with an extra-curricular contract for the 2022 Season. Voted Unanimously.
 - c. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Ms. Nicholas to employ Seana Mackeldey as a Cheering Coach with an extra-curricular contract for the 2022 Season. Voted Unanimously.
 - d. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to approve the new position "Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) – Reset, Recenter, Refresh Counselor Position. Voted Unanimously.
6. Motion by Ms. Cleaves, and seconded by Vice Chairperson Sapiel to adopt the Revised Policies and Procedures below:
- ACAA- Harassment and Sexual Harassment of Students
 - ACAA-R- Students Discrimination/Harassment and the Title IX Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedures
 - JKAA- Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy
 - JKAA-R- Procedures on Physical Restraint and Seclusion
 - JL- Wellness Policy.

Voted Unanimously.

7. REPORTS:

PRINCIPAL'S. Please see attached

SUPERINTENDENT'S.

Dr. Namin expressed his happy new year wishes to the Sipayik Elementary School Community and the School Committee Members. He was very proud to see the sign "Ultraviolet in Action" from the use of the UV-Master Unit in action at the Sipayik Elementary School to kill 99% of all the airborne particles, including COVID. We are only a few in the State of Maine Using such advanced technology to provide a safe school. He also expressed his thanks and appreciation to Ms. Janna Stacey who has announced her retirement effective June 30, 2022. We all wish Ms. Stacey the best retirement. Dr. Namin added that Ms. Stacey will be involved in the search

committee and the training of the new Special Education Coordinator. There would be an extensive search committee with fair representation to interview the candidates.

Fiscal Director Report: Dr. Namin reported the Passamaquoddy Child Development Center has been successful in receiving a State of Maine Grant that would require additional financial support for the Passamaquoddy Child Development Center Staff and the Program.

Program Director Report: Ms. Bassett reported that the Christmas Party at the Maine Indian Education was a big success and our students and parents enjoyed the event. The Passamaquoddy Headstart and Daycare programs have excellent enrollments.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY/SCHOOL LIAISON'S.

Dr. Namin reported that he has spoken with Ms. Nina Clement regarding the possibility of contracting with a tutoring company to provide on-demand tutoring.

8. COMMUNITY COMMENTS.

Ms. Seana Mackeldey and Mr. Zachary Cling proposed to adopt a sweat lodge at the Sipayik Elementary School to provide a spiritual purification of the body, mind, and soul. It will be performed under the supervision of a leader and intended for spiritual healing and not a religious event. The recommendation was to make the experience an educational event and an extension of the existing language class.

9. Motion by Vice Chairperson Sapiel, and seconded by Ms. Cleaves to adjourn. Voted Unanimously.

Time Out: 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reza Namin, PhD".

Dr. Reza Namin