

MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER SCHOOL LIBRARY
May 11, 2017

Present: Dawn Capello, Justin Hemm (Absent), Jamal De Vita, Mary Mertsch, Bethlyn Houlihan
Administrators: Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent; Michelle Resendes, Business Manager,
Jennifer Gaudet, Assistant Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. De Vita to approve the minutes of April 27, 2017, as written. 2nd by Ms. Houlihan. The motion passed 4-0.

Chairman's Report

Ms. Capello congratulated the Green Meadow PTO for their recent Tiger Trot fundraiser that made over \$17K.

Last week, Ms. Capello met with the Board of Selectmen and requested to amend Warrant Article S1 for \$275K to the school budget at Town Meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi attended the May 11 meeting that Fire Chief Stowers had on the status of the new Fire Station.

Student Representative Report

None

Citizen's Comments

High School student Max Ludwig read a message to the committee advocating for the custodians at the high school.

Social Emotional Learning Plan Update

Jennifer Gaudet, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Carol Gahan, Director of Student Services and Nance Messina, Grade 3 Teacher presented.

PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Support)

- Universal Interventions
- Target Group Interventions
- Intensive Individual Interventions

Collaborative & Proactive Solutions

- Solve the problem collaboratively
 - Empathy Step (gather information to identify child's concerns)
 - Define adult concerns step (identify adult concerns)
 - Invitation Step (collaborate on a solution that is realistic and mutually satisfactory)
- What skills are being taught in each step?
 - Empathy
 - Appreciate how one's behavior is affecting others
 - Resolve disagreements in ways that do not cause conflict
 - Take another's perspective
 - Honesty

Social Thinking

- Flexible Social Thinkers
- Social Problem Solvers
- Develop skills in early childhood
- Positive Social Relationships
- Peer Acceptance
- Greater School Achievement

Member's Comments/Questions

Ms. Mertsch would like a conversation on how we teach writing in the district.

Ms. Houlihan appreciated the conversations tonight and would like further discussion on how we get to vertical alignment.

Meeting adjourned by roll call vote to enter into executive session at 8:38 p.m. without the intent to return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools