

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
FOWLER SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MARCH 2, 2017**

Present: Dawn Capello, Justin Hemm (Absent), Jamal De Vita (7:05 P.M.), Mary Mertsch, Bethlyn Houlihan

Administrators: Robert J. Gerardi, Jr., Superintendent; Michelle Resendes, Business Advisor, Jennifer Gaudet, Assistant Superintendent, Donna Dankner, Principal Green Meadow School, Deb Bresnick, Assistant Principal Green Meadow School

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

Minutes

The Minutes of February 16 will be voted at the next meeting.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Gerardi reported that there have been several communications to his office on the topic of social media. He will be a draft policy to the sub-committee for review.

Student Representative Report

Janal Carr reported that the students that are traveling to Guatemala had their final meeting this evening. They will be leaving on March 26 for one week. There was also a meeting at the High School tonight on the Disney trip for band and chorus. That trip is in six weeks. March Madness at MHS is coming in mid-March.

Citizen's Comment

None

Recess Policy #New / Admin Regulation

New school committee policies about recess were presented.

Deb Bresnick, assistant Principal at the Green Meadow spoke about activities at outdoor recess. Several years ago, four square and basketball hoops were installed on the playground. The student also does art, hula hoops, chalk, kickball (non-competitive). There are many varieties of activities.

Ms. Mertsch asked about periods of colder weather how do we handle that.

Students need to be outside. We know the benefits of recess.

Ms. Bresnick. If they are at recess with a problem, and it is health or safety issue (this is covered in the handbook)

If the playground is not accessible because of ice, they play on the blacktop. Snow is not an issue.

Ms. Houlihan. if it were icy if there is snow and not any ice, is there any thought about the area behind the school.

Ms. Bresnick: If there is a child dropped off at school during recess, and the class is behind the school the student would not be able to find their class.

#### FY18 Budget

The budget sub-committee updated the committee on their meeting with the finance committee this past week. They had thoughts of taking the steps out of the teacher contract and there was a discussion on the interpretation of special education laws.

The administration team also met with teachers to get their input on the budget and get as much feedback as they can. Those discussions are on-going. There will be more robust budget discussions in the coming weeks.

#### Citizen's Comments

None

#### Member's Comments

Today was Read Across America Day. Ms. Capello read to a class. Kate Hogan and Jamie Eldridge also came to Green Meadow to read.

Ms. Mertsch will be out of town for next meeting

Ms. Houlihan thanked everyone for their continued work on the budget. Thanked the audience for the comments on the recess policy.

A motion was made by Ms. Capello to adjourn the meeting to executive session by roll call vote at 7:40 p.m. without the intent to return to open session. Dr. De Vita (Yes); Ms. Mertsch (Yes); Ms. Houlihan (Yes). Second by Dr. De Vita. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

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