

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOWLER LIBRARY
JANUARY 5, 2017**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes

None

Chairman's Report

Special Town Meeting Monday at the Fowler School. Please come out to support the vote on the Green Meadow playground funding.

I spent some time with the Fowler Field Committee. They are seeking funding from CPC. When they talked to the CPC, they asked for an official letter from the School Committee endorsing the CPC funds dedicated to the plan. A motion was made by Ms. Capello to support the Fowler Field Committee in their endorsement of the CPC funds. 2nd by Ms. Mertsch. The motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent's Report

We have an event on January 26. Our school is hosting an event for students during the day and parents at night. The movie is entitled If Only, which is a film about the Opioid Epidemic, by the Wahlberg Foundation. Ms. Capello would like to ask that we invite Representative Hogan to come.

Student Representative Report

Janal Carr reported that the High School is just back from break. Mid-terms coming up. There are 2 mid-terms a day as extended blocks.

Ms. Capello asked how many mid terms the students have?

Janal replied that there are 2 mid-terms per day. 7 blocks you can fill. You can have up to 7 tests.

We are waiting for college acceptances. Some are submitting now for regular deadline. Ms. McPhee in the guidance office at MHS. has done such a great job with me, and I appreciate all the help she has given me.

Citizen's Comments

Lisa McPhee introduced herself as a new parent in the district and wanted to start coming to the meetings.

Central Office Move Update

Dr. Gerardi presented a draft update on the relocation plans. He and Ms. Gaudet met with the 5th grade team to keep them informed and are planning to meeting with the 8th grade team and any others impacted by the move.

Case Annual Report

Dr. Gerardi reported on the Case Annual Report. He cited three documents in the report.

1. A letter to Commissioner Chester describing the programs, services and purpose of the collaborative.
2. The second document is a letter from the Audit firm of Melanson and Heath.
3. The third document is the Case Annual Financial Statements.

FY18 Budget

Dr. Gerardi sent the budget letter to Kevin Sweet and Ms. Resendes also had a budget package for the FY18 budget proposal.

Ms. Mertsch would like to see the budget history and impact report.

Ms. Capello said we gave the amount for level services to the town. 6.25 % increase. The Town Administrator oversees the budget until the February budget meeting. This meeting is at the Town Library. We will get our funding and proceed with our budget choices.

Citizen's Comments

Ms. Sullivan commented that during the April move, there should be a clear calendar about what will happen with the 5th grade, giving them a comfortable testing environment for the up-coming PARCC.

Ms. Gaudet said the testing window starts after April vacation. We are testing on-line this year. We are having conversations to support teachers and students during this transition period.

Ms. Sullivan wanted to know when the 8th grade moves, how will the building be used over the summer? Dr. Gerardi said we had early conversations with College Gate about limiting their summer population and met with custodians about cleaning.

Ms. Resendes said that with the 5th grade moving in April, it gives the custodians time to clean in anticipation for the 8th grade to come back.

Member's Comments

Dr. DeVita wanted to remind the committee that the superintendent's annual review will be done at the next meeting.

Parent and student meeting with the movie If Only (Opioid Crisis) community presentation January 26.

A motion was made by Mr. Hemm to adjourn the meeting by roll call vote at 7:47 p.m. without the intent to return to open session. Second by Dr. De Vita. The motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore

Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent