

MINUTES OF THE HINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE

November 5, 2018 at 7:00PM

School Department Conference Room, 220 Central Street, Hingham MA 02043

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Michelle Ayer at 7:02 p.m. Chair Ayer announced that Dr. Galo is absent due to illness. She also spoke a few words about Chrisanne Gregoire who recently passed away on October 10, 2018. She served on the School Committee for over 25 years. Ms. Ayer thanked Chrisanne for her service.

Members Present: Michelle Ayer, Carlos Da Silva, Libby Lewiecki, Kerry Ni, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma and Ed Schreier

Central Office Present: James LaBillois, John Ferris and Suzanne Vinnos.

Visitors Present: Melissa Smith, June Gustafson, Carol Falvey, Elizabeth Wilcox, Jennifer Newell, Charleen Fabrizio, Raymond Estes, Maryellen Dever, Christine Smith

2. Approval of Minutes

2.1 On a motion by Liza O'Reilly and seconded by Kerry Ni,

It was

Voted: To approve the minutes of the September 15, 2018 School Committee Planning Meeting.

3. Questions and Comments Chair Ayer announced that public comment will not be taken on the evaluation of Dr. Galo as she is absent.

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. LaBillois provided this report.

- ACT results are provided and will be presented by Heather Rodriguez at a later time.
- The John & Abigail Adams Scholarship is awarded to seniors who belong in the upper 25% of their cohort in 10th grade and achieved 1 advanced score. In the current class, 77 students were awarded this scholarship.
- The Kindergarten Forum for the September 2019 class will be held on Thursday. Items to be covered include readiness skills, guidelines, curriculum, etc.
- Dr. LaBillois provided the South Shore Educational Collaborative's current financial statement.

5. Communications

5.1 Communications Received by the Superintendent:

- MA Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin requested the district to complete a language census. The report was compiled and returned last week. It outlines which languages are spoken in the district.
- Hingham Middle Schools Civics Week Trip 2019 information session will be held this week. There is the traditional trip to DC and Philadelphia and the second option is to stay and take part in civics week with many activities planned.

5.2 Student Communications: None.

5.3 Other Communication: None.

6. New Business

6.1 The Committee heard the Plymouth River School School Council Report. Melissa Smith, Principal of Plymouth River School, was in attendance to provide a report of the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan, as well as a presentation of the 2018-2019 School Improvement Plan. Ms.

Smith introduced Charleen Fabirizio, Assistant Principal, and presented an update of the 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan's three goals and their outcomes:

- Goal 1: Emphasis on closing the achievement gap for all, particular in sub-groups. Ms. Smith covered the steps taken to achieve this and illustrated with a few photos from math and technology nights.
- Goal 2: Create a safe learning environment by focusing on the social emotional well-being. of all students in order to foster academic success. There were school-wide themes celebrated each month.
- Goal 3: Promote and maintain a school culture which embraces a home-school-community connection. This goal is in progress and some examples were shown, such as Arbor Day and other community service projects.

New goals for 2018/2019 include:

- Goal 1: Provide high quality instruction and assessment that addresses individual student needs, focuses on closing achievement gaps and increases achievement using innovative techniques. Ms. Smith showed pictures from a statewide initiative called S.T.E.A.M week.
- Goal 2: Nurture the social-emotional development of all students & provide interventions to foster social and academic success. Excited to use Toolbox tools as part of the steps to achieve this.
- Goal 3: Strengthen a school culture which embraces a home-school community connection. Ms. Smith showed pictures from Harbor Media and the PRS News crew.

- 6.2 The Committee received the Foster School School Improvement Plan for 2018-2019 and an update of the 2017-2018 plan progress. Principal Dr. Beth Wilcox introduced her Assistant Principal Jen Newell and presented an update of the School Improvement Plan. This was her first time presenting in her new role. Dr. Wilcox explained the process of putting and implementing the plan, the goals last year (2017/2018) and their outcomes.

- Goal 1: Increase student achievement in literacy.
- Goal 2: Increase student achievement in mathematics.
- Goal 3: Foster a community of learners.
- Goal 4: Foster a community focused on service.
- Goal 5: Foster a community committed to global awareness.

Dr. Wilcox showed some pictures of "Foster's Finest," which is part of recognizing responsible learners. She then covered the steps taken to achieve the above goals.

New goals 2018/2019 – Foster School Council decided to continue the 5 goals from last year.

Question were taken at the end of the presentation. Kerry Ni asked which grades the Journey's program covers. Dr. Wilcox explained that due to the different components and based on the purpose of instruction, it can vary and is based on student need.

Liza O'Reilly asked about the Journey's program and its success. It was noted that this program was initiated 4 years ago and has been fully implemented with positive results.

- 6.3 The Committee conducted the Superintendent's Annual Evaluation for November 2017 through October 2018. Chair Michelle Ayer read the summative evaluation of Dr. Galo for 2017/2018, which gave Dr. Galo a rating of "exemplary." This was already reviewed with Dr. Galo and she asked that the evaluation be made public at tonight's meeting even though she is absent.

On a motion by Carlos Da Silva and seconded by Liza O'Reilly,

It was

Voted: To approve the summative evaluation of Dr. Galo for November 2017 through October 2018.

- 6.4 The Committee tabled the discussion on Alternative Structured Learning Day programs.
- 6.5 The Committee received notification of the Hingham High School Spanish class overnight field trip to New York City on March 29 through March 30, 2019.
- 6.6 The Committee received notification of the Hingham High School Drama Club overnight field trip to New York City on April 5 through April 7, 2019.
- 6.7 The Committee received notification of the appointments of paraeducators Emily Brooks, Meaghan Foote and Lori Salamone at Foster School, and Molly Burbank at Plymouth River School; Math Tutors Cynthia Driscoll, Amanda Harding and Patricia Hagerty at South School; Lauren Popovich, Food Service Technician at Foster School; and Colleen Shinney, Kids in Action Teacher.

- 7. Other items as may not reasonably be known 48 hours in advance of the meeting.** Carlos Da Silva mentioned that he received a call from a member of the community regarding the Hingham Sports Partnership sign request. He asked for an update on this issue. Ed Schreier informed Mr. Da Silva that this issue was discussed at the past Policy Subcommittee meeting. He explained that only signs that are permanent in nature need approval by the School Committee. This sign is not permanent and can be removed at any time. Dr. Schreier discussed this in detail with Jim Quatromoni, Athletic Director.

Dr. LaBillois thanked the Hingham Education Foundation for the successful spelling bee that took place over the past weeked.

8. Subcommittee and Project Reports

Warrants Report: Ed Schreier reported the warrants approved and how they were itemized.

Policy: Kay Praschma mentioned that the subcommittee recently met and not only discussed the HSP sign, but also the Kindergarten age enrollment policy. It was explained that there will not be any further policy changes, but instead more procedural changes which will be discussed at Thursday's Kindergarten meeting on Nov. 8th at 6.30 in Town Hall. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2018 at 12:30PM.

Community Outreach: No updates. The next meeting will be held on November 27, 2018 at 11:30AM.

Long-Range Planning Committee: Libby Lewiecki has been working on the presentation for the Community Preservation Committee meeting on November 15, 2018 for the Plymouth River playground asking for CPC funds.

Salary & Negotiations: The Superintendent Screening committee's first meeting was this past Thursday and they will be meeting tomorrow. Currently getting dates in place for interviews. Also an evening meeting is planned with the full School Committee on Dec. 6, 2018 in order to announce the finalists and meet with NESDEC on next steps.

Special Education: Next meeting is Nov. 14, 2018 at 6 pm at Hingham Public Library. This date and time is to be confirmed with SEPAC.

Liaison reports: Kerry Ni reported that East School Council met and is planning to look at the mission statement, core values and School Improvement Plan; Carlos Da Silva reported that the HS School Council is meeting Wednesday; Libby Lewiecki noted that HMS School Council meeting is going to be rescheduled; Ed

Schreier noted that the PRS School Council will meet on November 19, 2018; Liza O'Reilly noted that the Foster School Council meeting will place on November 14, 2018; Kay Praschma reported that South School Council met and presented the School Improvement Plan for 2018/2019

Michelle Ayer announced what a fabulous job Joyce Schreier did on her presentation to South School and thanked her for all of her hard work.

9. Adjournment

On a motion by Edward Schreier and seconded by Liza O'Reilly,

It was

Voted: To Adjourn at 8:09PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Kay Praschma

Documents included in meeting packet:

[11-5-18 Agenda.pdf](#) 

[Item 2.1 9-15-18 SC Planning Session Minutes.pdf](#) 

[Item 4 ACT.pdf](#) 

[Item 4 Adams Scholarship Guidelines 17-18.pdf](#) 

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[Item 4 Kindergarten Parent Forum.pdf](#) 

[Item 4 SSEC October 2018.pdf](#) 

[Item 5.1 Census Languages Spoken.pdf](#) 

[Item 5.1 HMS Civics Week.pdf](#) 

[Item 6.1 PRS School Improvement Plan 2017-2018.pdf](#) 

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[Item 6.2 Foster School Improvement Plan 2017-2018.pdf](#) 

[Item 6.2 Foster School Improvement Plan 2018-2019.pdf](#) 

[Item 6.3 Superintendent Evaluation 2017-2018.pdf](#) 

[Item 6.4 Alternate Structured Learning Day.pdf](#) 

[Item 6.5 Spanish NYC Trip.pdf](#) 

[Item 6.6 Drama Club NYC Trip.pdf](#) 

[Item 8 Signed Warrants.pdf](#) 