



Weymouth

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Weymouth School Committee

July 15, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

Members In Attendance: Lisa Belmarsh, Chair; John Sullivan, Secretary; Kathy Curran; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Carrie Palazzo

Members Absent: Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair; Mayor Hedlund

Also Present: Robert Wargo, Superintendent; Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Curtin, Assistant Superintendent

Meeting began at 5:11pm.

Review Communication Plan between School Committee (Chairs, Individual, All Members) and Superintendent:

Communication via, text, email, blog was had as well as the level of specificity for each. The 'Friday' packet and information included was discussed. The information in the packet is deemed appropriate by the Superintendent and will count as 'evidence' toward the Superintendent evaluation.

Texting will be used for emergency purposes. Talk of blog usage was had, noting that it is useful to search archives.

The revision of policy for school committee members receiving information 3 days in advance was talked over. Members will receive a prep packet before school committee meetings to help with questions prior to the meeting.

A suggestion to have IT set up a 'school committee' email was made.

Communication between sub committee chairs and the Superintendent will remain the same. If members wish to communicate with Principals it will be facilitated through the Superintendent.

Members like visiting and having school tours; it was suggested to have multiple dates for tours. Superintendent/School Committee chair meetings on Fridays will continue.

A couple of 'pilot' communications will be done and feedback given.

Review Adjustments to School Committee Agenda Topics:

Superintendent Wargo advised that to be conscious of time that timelines will be adhered to when speaking and presenting.

Maximizing technology for increased attendance and presentations was discussed as well as having materials accessible prior to the meeting.

Review Identified Topics from June 12 Retreat and Superintendent's Visioning Sessions and Plan for Next Steps:

The Superintendent gave an overview of the work being performed by Frank Locker. School committee members, students, educators, parents and community members took part in discussions of 21st century schooling and modalities over 3 days. 2 additional sessions were added for people that were not able to attend. Groups were diverse and engagement was active.

A few topics highlighted; learning spaces, project based learning, small group and student collaborations, as well as arts learning and social emotional learning were discussed at length. The common term for all topics was engagement which will drive the work of instruction, curriculum and relationship building.

The Superintendent reiterated his focus to be resolute in moving the district forward and being accountable for meeting goals. Resources will be directed to project based learning and programming.

It was suggested that Mr. Locker present the findings at the August school committee meeting. Hard copies will be distributed to school committee members beforehand.

Develop Draft for School Committee and Superintendent Goals:

Goals will be finalized after visioning work is completed. It was suggested that a draft will be presented in September. This year will be truncated a bit; the timeframe will be July 2021-June 2022.

It was suggested to have detailed concrete goals so that measurables for evaluation can be completed. Unfinished learning, opening Chapman, what student achievement and student success looks like were discussed. Reimagining 1-2, 3-4 year plans will be developed and goals for now, next, and after were asked for.

Using Covid money for capital list items was suggested.

The Superintendent reiterated his commitment to the transformational work and will provide a 'crosswalk' for how the work will be done while incorporating his goals.

Review Format and Next Steps for Superintendent Evaluation:

Members and the Superintendent were asked to review the evaluation guide. 1 Indicator from each standard will be selected.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm on the motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shngraw. Passed unanimously.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

- none

Respectfully Submitted,



John Sullivan
Secretary