



Malden Public Schools

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FERRYWAY SCHOOL COUNCIL
Minutes
March 2, 2017

In Attendance:

Michael Ciampa, Principal, Co-Chair
Rachel Payson, Parent, Co-Chair
Marie Murray, Teacher
Susan Shapiro, Teacher
Patti Schacht, Teacher
Laurie Lee, Parent
Peg Crowe, Community Member

I. Library Update - Mr. Ciampa informed the committee that Mary Liberge will be training parents on how to use the Alexandria computer system. The training will take place in the Ferryway Library on Monday March 6th from 8:30-10:30 am. As of now the hope is to have the library open on at least Monday's with parent volunteers there to check out and check in books.

II. MCAS 2.0 - This year students will be taking MCAS 2.0. The window for testing is April 3-May 6th. Grades 3-5 will be administered 3 sessions of ELA. Grades 6-8 will be administered 2 sessions. Grades 3-8

will all be administered two sessions of Math. Mr. Ciampa plans on having Grades 3 and 4 take the ELA section before April vacation.

Grades 5 & 8 will take a paper test for Science.

The test is set up like PARCC, it is untimed although 75 minutes is the recommended time planned.

Students will take the test on the Chromebooks, laptops and in the computer labs. Thanks to the fact we have the Chromebook carts the Exploratory computer lab will not be needed and therefore exploratory classes can still take place.

III. Committees - Two new committees have been set up. One is to look at Social Emotional programs and school norms. The Social Emotional committee met on Tuesday and divided up some programs to research. The district is looking into Open Circle. Mr. Ciampa stated that all the programs being considered are based on positive reinforcement. Members of the committee will meet again in two weeks to discuss the pros and cons of programs researched.

The other committee will be to looking at school schedule for next year.

IV. Current Events Impact on Education - Mr. Ciampa shared a memo from DESE regarding protecting the rights of transgender students. Massachusetts state statute and regulations protecting the rights of students and families will remain in place even in light of the recent federal actions.

V. Ferryway Planning for the Future - Mr. Ciampa has sent out a survey to staff to see 'where we want to go from here'. The survey discusses

Professional Development wishes as well as what staff wants/needs from administration.

VI. New Business- Ms. Crowe discussed the YWCA Century Learning grant which is currently being used with middle school. She will be bidding for a Grant that will include the younger grades here at Ferryway as well. This grants helps provide after school programs, and summer programs.

Next meeting: April 6, 2017
6:00 pm in the Ferryway Library

Respectfully submitted by Patti Schacht