

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, February 6, 2017
Malden Senior Center 7 Washington Street

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Christenson announced that the next School Committee meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Malden Senior Center, 7 Washington Street.

Mayor Christenson led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence for those who have served our country and for those who continue to do so.

Roll Call

The following attendance was taken:

Mayor Christenson	Present
Ms. Beardsley	Present
Ms. Bordonaro	Present
Mr. Drummey	Present
Mr. Froio	Present
Mr. Iovino	Present
Mr. Leone	Present
Mr. Marsh	Present
Mr. Silverman	Present
Superintendent Grandson	Present
Asst. Superintendent Keenan	Present
Asst. Superintendent Johnson	Present
Student Representative James Mac	Present
Clerk	Present

Superintendent's Report

1. Ferryway School Student Presentation
Superintendent Grandson welcomed Mr. Ciampa, Principal of Ferryway School, to introduce the students from Ferryway School who went on to present some of their academic programs and what they have been learning in school. The students from 1st Grade to 8th Grade spoke about reading buddies, fundraising, community service, letter writing, extended day program, math, reading and writing assistance in class, Breakfast in Class program, 2016 Annual Girls Empowerment Conference, Socratic Seminar and public speaking. Mayor Christenson and some school committee members expressed interest in visiting one of the socratic seminars.
2. Malden Reads
Jodie Zalk, one of the co-facilitators from Malden Reads spoke about the Malden Reads program which is currently in the seventh year. Malden Reads collaborates and has partnerships with various organisations such as the Malden Public Library and Malden Access Television. Different members of Malden Reads spoke about the different events for the community, families and students as well as connecting families with resources provided by other organizations such as

ABCD, Housing Families, YWCA, YMCA, etc. Malden Reads presented books to all the School Committee members present. Malden Reads had already given books to all the literacy specialists and librarian in the schools.

3. Tornado Travelers Club

Ms. Shauna Campbell and Ms. Sarah Jones, teachers at the Malden High School and advisors for the Tornado Travelers Club, informed about the 4 year plan of trips for students. They asked for approval for the Hawaii and Italy trips planned for 2018. Mr. Iovino raised some concern about student safety in light of what is happening politically around the country. Ms. Bordonaro shared the same concerns as Mr. Iovino. Ms. Campbell responded that students' passports, visas, and other pertinent details are all vetted first before they are allowed to join the trip. Mr. Froio asked if the school system will be liable in the event of some unforeseen circumstance. Ms. Campbell responded that the liability is taken on by the travel agency. When Mayor Christenson asked for some input, Superintendent Grandson said that he recommended it. Mr. Leone made a motion to approve the trips. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Christenson brought forth the matter of the approval of minutes for the Regular Session minutes of January 9, 2017. Mr. Iovino made a motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of January 9, 2017. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Mayor Christenson deferred to the audience for anyone who may have any comments. There was no response. Mayor Christenson closed this portion of the meeting.

Superintendent's Report

4. District Updates and Highlights

Superintendent Grandson highlighted that in addition to the Ferryway School, the Salemwood School also has the Breakfast in Class program, which was implemented with the help of The Child Nutrition Outreach Program (CNOP). This program was highlighted in the Commissioner's Report. On January 23rd, State Senator Jason Lewis, State Representatives Paul Brodeur and Paul Donato, New England Patriots Mascot Pat Patriot as well as representatives from the Mayor's office were at the Salemwood School to celebrate the Breakfast in Class program for Grades K-2 as well as the Grab 'N' Go breakfasts for Grades 3-8. The school used to serve an average of 500 breakfasts per week but since the implementation of this program, the school now serves 3,000 breakfasts per week. Superintendent Grandson thanked the team at Salemwood under Principal, Mr. Sepulveda for making this happen as well as Assistant Superintendent Keenan for having the vision of applying for the grant last year so that this program can be implemented.

Superintendent Grandson informed that through the partnership with Bay State Reading Institute, and collaboration with education guru, Jon Saphier, who met and trained some of Malden's teachers, the Bay State Reading Institute made a video of a focus group and some of the teaching done in the classrooms at Salemwood, Forestdale and Linden Schools because they were impressed with the teaching. Superintendent Grandson said that once the video recordings are ready, they will be shared.

Superintendent Grandson informed that the Extended Day Program at Salemwood will have a site visit from representatives from the State on Thursday and Friday this week, where they will be assessed on their performance as an Extended Learning Time School.

The Instructional Focus Walk at the Malden High School has been moved to Monday (2/13/17) due to the inclement weather.

Superintendent Grandson said that last Saturday, he was joined by Assistant Superintendent Keenan and four principals to represent Malden at the NEMNET Diversity Career Fair in Boston where there were job applicants from diverse backgrounds from all over Massachusetts. They were able to get some resumes and look forward to doing some early interviews with the applicants. This is part of the goal of increasing teacher and staff diversity in Malden Public Schools.

5. Report of Entry Findings

Superintendent Grandson presented a synopsis of his entry findings which he gained by listening, learning and meeting with stakeholders consisting of teachers, parents and students. The emerging themes from the information gathering phase were global competitiveness in teaching and learning; fiscal health, equity and operational efficiency; and organizational culture, leadership, and family/community engagement. There is a need to find ways to support diverse learners; increasing diversity and equity among the teachers, staff and schools; curriculum and professional development; and class size. The next steps will be publication of report of findings; identifying resources in FY18 budget for immediate priorities; and development of Malden Public Schools 3-Year Strategic Plan.

Mr. lovino mentioned that in 2015, there was a 3-Year Strategic Plan that was formed with Dr. DeRousi. Mr. lovino asked if that plan will be used as a framework. Superintendent Grandson responded saying that that is something to be decided together by the governance team. Superintendent Grandson added that when he first arrived in July 2016, the Department reached out to him and informed him that as an incoming superintendent, he is allowed to update it, or just continue with the existing plan. At the time, the decision was made to continue following the existing plan. Superintendent Grandson continued that in light of the data collected for the entry findings, there are some areas like academics, teaching and learning that can be further developed.

Superintendent Grandson said that the presentation will be posted this week with the goal of getting a more thorough report by the following week. The entry plan findings will be translated and made available online. When asked about any financial estimates for class sizes from K-12, Superintendent Grandson answered that for the items listed in the presentation, financial costs are being monitored and preliminary numbers have been collected for the budget process. Superintendent Grandson added that an enrollment study might be done to determine trends.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Social, Emotional and Physical Well-Being Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Mr. Marsh

Mr. Marsh spoke about the visit to Boston Public Schools last week. One of the classrooms visited dealt with social emotional learning which was "Open Circle". Mr. Marsh commented that he is hoping on starting a partnership with the City of Boston and a few other districts to keep the lines

of communication open with regard to the social emotional aspect. Mr. Marsh added that there will be a Social, Emotional and Physical Well-Being Ad-Hoc Subcommittee meeting at the Malden Senior Center tomorrow.

Superintendent Grandson informed that "Open Circle" is written into our strategic plan as an example of a recommended social emotional curriculum. It enables students to learn how to talk about conflict in their lives. Some preliminary research is already being done on Open Circle for grades K-4 and some other models are also being considered for grades 5-12. Mr. lovino said Open Circle was implemented in two of the Malden schools many years ago, and it was a wonderful program. Mr. lovino added that it is a one-time expenditure as once a teacher is trained, the teacher can train other teachers. Mr. lovino highly recommends it for grades K-6.

2. Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Task Force – Mr. Marsh

Mr. Marsh announced that the next FACE meeting will be on February 15, 2017 at the Malden High School Library. Superintendent Grandson added that the parents are very engaged within this group and providing concrete ideas as well as support.

3. Space and Enrollment Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Mr. lovino

Mr. lovino informed that as of February 3rd, the enrollment figure is 6,797, which is a drop of 18 students from the previous week. Mr. lovino commented that the budget has sufficient funds to do an upgrade of the NESDEC enrollment projections report that was done in 2012-2013. The cost will be under \$10,000. Mr. lovino made a motion to discuss the need for an updated enrollment projection report and Mr. Froio seconded.

Superintendent Grandson commented that he has had some conversation with NESDEC about this enrollment study. Superintendent Grandson recommended that this report would be good for future decision-making. Ms. Bordonaro asked if this study has been done in other communities. Mr. lovino responded that NESDEC services 300 communities across New England and that they did an in-depth study in 2012-2013 for Malden Public Schools. Mr. lovino said that we do not need such an in-depth study at the moment. In response to Mr. Drummey's question, Mr. lovino commented that the price for the full report is most likely around \$19,000. Superintendent Grandson added that NESDEC has not yet given an estimate for the report.

Mr. Leone made a motion to table the request for an enrollment study for the next meeting pending more information. Ms. Bordonaro seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mayor Christenson voted YES

Ms. Beardsley voted NO

Ms. Bordonaro voted YES

Mr. Drummey voted YES

Mr. Froio voted YES

Mr. lovino voted NO

Mr. Leone voted YES

Mr. Marsh voted YES

Mr. Silverman voted YES

Motion carries 7-2.

4. Discussions

Ms. Beardsley mentioned that the city is currently performing lead tests and replacing pipes, and that the schools are also being tested. The Mayor's office will report results as soon as they are released. The libraries have been cleaned, checkout system is currently being updated, volunteer schedules are being finalized and hopefully the libraries can be opened by the end of the month. Ms. Beardsley continued by announcing that there is a policy that clearly states that teachers or staff cannot withhold recess from students as punishment. This is in response to people who have inquired about this matter.

Superintendent Grandson commented that the Department of Environmental Protection requires two randomly selected schools to be tested for lead every six months. The City of Malden received a grant that allowed all the schools to be tested this year. All the schools in Malden have been tested and the results will be ready soon. In cases where the readings showed slightly elevated levels of lead, faucets have been replaced as corrective measures. The results of the full report will be posted on the school website once completed.

Superintendent Grandson added that all the K-8 school principals are also committed to open their libraries with the help of volunteers and have submitted their plans to the Superintendent.

Motions and Resolutions

1. Families Against Drugs Ad-Hoc Subcommittee – Ms. Bordonaro

Ms. Bordonaro introduced FAD (Families Against Drugs Ad-Hoc Subcommittee) and informed that the meetings will be open forums that will be held once a month. This is an opportunity for parents to come and talk about ways that they could have age-appropriate conversations with their children about drugs. The members of this subcommittee are Mr. Jerry Leone and Mr. Michael Drummey. It will be chaired by Ms. Bordonaro. Mr. Leone made the motion to adopt the Families Against Drugs Ad-Hoc Subcommittee. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Grandson thanked Ms. Bordonaro for her effort in this area. Superintendent Grandson also mentioned the survey data from the youth risk behavior survey and the social emotional survey which will be shared. Ms. Bordonaro announced that the first FAD meeting will be on February 23rd, 2017 at the Ferryway School.

Consent

1. Donation of \$500 from RE/MAX Leading Edge, Melrose

Superintendent Grandson said that Mr. Aldo Masciave from RE/MAX Leading Edge in Melrose made a donation of \$500 to the Malden Public Schools in honor of his clients, Sarah Johnson and Josh Hendrick. This donation is to be used by the school committee for any educational purposes as they see fit. Ms. Bordonaro made the motion to accept this donation. Mr. Leone seconded and it was so VOTED. Motion passed unanimously.

Personal Privilege and Executive Session

Mr. Leone made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:20 pm. Mr. Marsh seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mayor Christenson voted YES
Ms. Beardsley voted YES
Ms. Bordonaro voted YES
Mr. Drummey voted YES
Mr. Froio voted YES
Mr. Iovino voted YES
Mr. Leone voted YES
Mr. Marsh voted YES
Mr. Silverman voted YES
Motion passed unanimously.

The committee reconvened to the Regular Session at 8:44 pm.

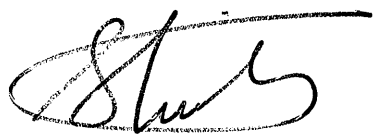
Adjournment

Mr. Iovino made the motion to grant the 2% raise to non union employees. Ms. Bordonaro seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Mayor Christenson voted YES
Ms. Beardsley voted YES
Ms. Bordonaro voted YES
Mr. Drummey voted YES
Mr. Froio voted YES
Mr. Iovino voted YES
Mr. Leone voted YES
Mr. Marsh voted YES
Mr. Silverman voted YES
Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Iovino made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 pm. Mr. Marsh seconded and it was so VOTED.

I certify that a notice of this meeting was filed with the Clerk of the City of Malden in the manner provided under Chapter 39, Section 23A of the General Laws.



Shirley Dorai, Clerk