

SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Chenery Middle School

Community Room

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Present: Ms. Ann Rittenburg, Chair
Ms. Leslie Walker, Secretary
Ms. Laurie Graham
Ms. Becky Vose
Mr. Paul Roberts
Ms. Karen Parmett
Dr. George H. Entwistle III, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Denis Fitzpatrick, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Gerry Missal, Director of Finance and Administration

Dr. Michael Harvey and Ms. Deborah McDevitt accompanied members of the Student Advisory Council.

1. OPENING BUSINESS

1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 7:30 p.m. in the Chenery Middle School Community Room. All members were in attendance.

Ms. Rittenburg noted that Steve Mazzola is providing donated laptops to Ms. Vose and Ms. Parmett for their use as School Committee members. All members will be provided with donated laptops as they become available. Ms. Rittenburg thanked the donors and Ms. Mazzola for this contribution.

Dr. Entwistle noted additional enclosures to tonight's packet. See below.

2. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Report outs were presented from three (3) of the members of the Student Advisory Council (Annie L, Krissy R., Katie C.). The SAC members provided an update on each of the 3 key initiatives/goal areas for the 2009-2010 school year (Student Wellness, Senior Thesis and Spirit/Pep Club).

3. TESTING REPORT

Mr. Fitzpatrick provided a summary overview to the School Committee of the 2009 Report on Standardized Testing that he submitted earlier to the Superintendent. In that presentation, Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed data on SAT's, Advanced Placement Tests, ACT's and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). As well Mr. Fitzpatrick reviewed AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) results and how AYP is calculated under No Child Left Behind. The new Growth Model (addressed in earlier meetings with the School Committee by both Mr. Fitzpatrick and Dr. Entwistle) was briefly touched upon. Mr. Fitzpatrick's full presentation can be found on the school website (www.belmont.k12.ma.us) under Administration/DESE's New Growth Model Reporting System/Report on the Results of Standardized Testing 2009.

4. COMMUNITY DIALOGUE 18-MONTH PLAN UPDATE

Dr. Entwistle provided a brief update of the work on-going related to the Community Dialogue and 18-Month Improvement Plan development. A more expanded and detailed report out is scheduled for December 8, 2009, School Committee Regular Business meeting.

5. SCHOOL COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT – D. REEVES, LEADING CHANGE

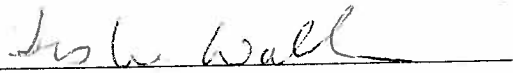
Mr. Fitzpatrick facilitated a text discussion of Reeve's book – assigned as summer reading to all Curriculum Directors, Leadership Council and School Committee members. An earlier text discussion had been scheduled in the Fall but needed to be postponed to this December meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:28 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Mr. Roberts, it was

VOTED: 6 - 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by



Leslie Walker
Secretary