

# SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP MINUTES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009  
Central Boston Elder Services  
2315 Washington Street  
Boston, MA 02119

6:30 PM – Refreshments  
7:00 PM Meeting

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

Diane Wiltshire, Belmont METCO Director, was present.

## 1. OPENING BUSINESS

### 1.1 Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Rittenburg at 7:06 p.m. in the Central Boston Elder Services' Meeting Room. Ms. Vose was absent.

2. Superintendent's Report -- None
3. Chairman's Report

Ms. Rittenburg introduced Dr. Entwistle and spoke briefly about the School Committee's work to develop new goals and an 18-month Improvement Plan. She also reported on the progress of the new Wellington School. She concluded her remarks with an invitation to attend the Community Dialogue on Tuesday, October 27, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the BHS Field House.

## 4. WORKSHOP ITEMS

TOPIC	RESPONSIBLE	OUTCOME
Introductions	All	All present, including METCO parents, introduced themselves.
BAR Presentation	John Robotham, Katherine Bonfiglio, and Shauna Townsend	Katherine Bonfiglio presented Dr. Entwistle with a \$10,000 check from Belmont Against Racism (BAR) to cover after school transportation costs for METCO students at Belmont High School.

		<p>John Robotham spoke of the upcoming Martin Luther King Breakfast which is a major fund raiser for BAR. He also spoke of BAR's support for the Family and Friends program.</p> <p>Shauna Townsend presented Dr. Entwistle with a \$400 check to cover snacks for the CMS after school program.</p>
Community Dialogue	Dr. Entwistle	Dr. Entwistle invited all those present to attend the Community Dialogue on October 27. He reviewed the purpose of the event and the process which will be used to gather community input into the creation of the school system's new 18-month Improvement Plan.
METCO – Belmont Projects/Priorities 2009-2010	Ms. Wiltshire and Mr. Fitzpatrick	Diane Wiltshire and Denis Fitzpatrick outlined the projects and priorities for the 2009-2010 Belmont METCO Program.
Questions/Answers		Parents, School Committee members, Dr. Entwistle, Mr. Fitzpatrick, and Ms. Wiltshire discussed curriculum, student achievement, and transportation issues.
DESE Growth Model	Dr. Entwistle and Mr. Fitzpatrick	Dr. Entwistle and Mr. Fitzpatrick presented information on the soon-to-be- released growth model data from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This new data looks at MCAS results in a new way. The information being released by DESE on Oct. 27 will focus on district and school data. Student data will not be released until 2010.

**ENCLOSURES:**

- ❖ Schedule for Veterans' Day Exercises
- ❖ Fall 2009 Edition of *The Beacon*
- ❖ Evaluation of a School Committee Meeting
- ❖ Evaluation of a School Committee Meeting Results – October 6, 2009
- ❖ Directions to Central Boston Elder Services

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Roberts, it was

VOTED: 5 - 0 to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

*Leslie Walker*

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Secretary