BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES CENTRAL BOSTION ELDER SERVICES 2315 Washington Street, Boston, MA October 19, 2010

Present: Ms. Laurie Graham

Ms. Becky Vose

Ms. Karen Parmett

Ms. Laurie Slap

Mr. Dan Scharfman

Dr. George H. Entwistle 3rd, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Janice Darias, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Business, Finance and Operations

Absent: Ms. Rittenburg

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Graham at 7:07 p.m. at Central Boston Elder Services, 2315 Washington Street, Boston.

2. Introductions

Ms. Graham explained that Ms. Rittenburg needed to represent the School Committee at a capital planning committee in Belmont this evening, so is unable to attend tonight's meeting in Boston.

Everyone introduced themselves, School Committee members, Belmont school administrators, and the many parents stending the meeting.

3. BAR Presentation

Jonathan Jacoby, President of BAR, presented a check from Belmont Against Racism to support the METCO program in Belmont.

4. Report-Out

a. Dr. George Entwistle

Dr. Entwistle shared an update on the Belmont Public Schools, including an update on the FY11 Budget; the Race to the Top Grant funding; the Education Jobs Grant funding; the Health, Safety, and Security Advisory Committee and their work as the Anti-Bullying Task Force; Professional Learning Teams, a new model of professional development for the Belmont staff; Community Dialogue II on May 4, 2011. The Belmont Boston Parent Association presented a check for \$450 for the after school program.

b. Laurie Graham

Ms. Graham shared an update on the construction of the Wellington School.

c. Diane Wiltshire

Ms. Wiltshire shared an update on the METCO program in Belmont. There are currently 121 students participating. Ms. Wiltshire explained the data that she uses to work with and support the learning of the students. She discussed the teacher mentoring program at the middle school, matching students with teacher mentors. Ms. Wiltshire shared topics for the middle and high school programs. Ms. Wiltshire sits in on students' classes, K-12, to support the students in their learning. Ms. Wiltshire announced the meeting on November 17 that the Principals will attend.

5. Questions and Answers

Parents asked questions and shared comments about the Belmont schools and METCO.

6. At 8:25 p.m., on a motion offered by Ms. Vose and seconded by Ms. Slap, it was

VOTED unanimously (5-0) to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Laurie Graham

Secretary