

Minutes - Regular Meeting February 7, 2017

Pursuant to notice February 7, 2017 at the High School Media Center at 6:30 PM

Members Present: Mr. Doyle, Dr. Cammarata, Mr. Sjoberg, Mr. Hayman, Mrs. Presser

Others Present: Mrs. Tremblay, Mrs. Borseti, Mr. Geary, Mr. Cyr, Mrs. Mauro, Ms. Ostuni, Ms. Burchill, Mrs. Hale, Mr. Hurray, Mrs. Rothwell and two member of the press

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1. Minutes presented for approval; Regular meeting January 24, 2017

Mrs. Presser moved to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting January 24, 2017. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion; all in favor.

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2. Introduction Mr. Gregory Hurray Interim Principal Summer Street School

Mrs. Tremblay introduced Mr. Hurray Interim Principal at Summer Street School to the committee as a highly skilled recently retired educator from Newton Public Schools.

Mr. Hurray reviewed his career in Newton, Needham and his work on the Common Core.

Mr. Hurray responded to naming one triumph and one tribulation for the committee. He feels the Boston bus is more of a challenge than a tribulation and he is working to make sure the kids are safe while on the bus and will continue to communicate and work closely with parents.

Mr. Hurray does not think he has brought anything to the table that is a triumph yet in the four weeks he has been here.

Mr. Hurray is very impressed by the degree of professional learning by the administration and said it was fantastic to see both the elementary schools collaborating on the professional development day. He enjoys working in Lynnfield, loves the school, parents and students.

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3. Collaborative Learning Experience SSS

Ms. Ostuni, Ms. Burchill, Mrs. Kenny, Mrs. DeRosa, Ms. Kariotis, Mrs. Quickel, Mrs. Hale are educators from SSS and HHS who are working together on this CLE which is an area of interest that ties into the District Strategy and Huckleberry Hill School's School Improvement Plan.

Ms. Ostuni, Ms. Burchill and Mrs. Hale presented the CLE, the goal is to provide every classroom and specialist with a kit for students to access as needed to reduce stress and anxiety. As educators they are seeing more students who have anxiety and stress. The kits will include tools the students would be familiar with through the elementary grades such as:

- Book: Mindful Monkey, Hidden Panda
- Affirmation fortune tellers
- Coloring pages - some designed and created by LHS students
- Pinwheels and Star Breathing for deep breathing
- Worry rocks

The Lynnfield Cultural Council provided funding for the kits and the Huckleberry Hill School PTO has ordered weighted worry pillows which will be made by the DLP students at LHS. The group said the kits may include other tools based on what does or doesn't work for students.

The next steps include a plan to educate and train the teachers and students to utilize the kits, possibly in a professional library for ease of access or training teachers during professional development time.

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#### 4. FY 18 Superintendent's Budget Recommendation

Mr. Doyle opened with the committee's expectations for the FY18 budget that were discussed at a meeting in December regarding their goals and expectations from Mrs. Tremblay and her administration when crafting the budget. Mr. Hayman read a [statement from the committee](#) which outlined the parameters given to Mrs. Tremblay and Mr. Geary.

Mrs. Tremblay presented the recommended FY 18 budget to the committee which reflects a 4.0% increase. Mrs. Tremblay's budget suggestions include increasing two positions from part time to full time.

- Increase Elementary School Psychologist from .6 to 1.0 position

Increasing the School Psychologist position will help with the increased caseload and provide more social, emotional support for the elementary schools as student needs are increasing dramatically every year. Mrs. Tremblay clarified for the committee this is not a new position but an increase in the current position that would allow more direct services for students. Mrs. Tremblay also responded that the social, emotional program is taught discretely and is embedded in the classroom.

- Increase World Language Teacher from .67 to 1.0 position

This will allow the teacher to teach a Cultural Studies Course in addition to teaching French. That will allow students that do not take French another option. Mrs. Tremblay said there are enough students to support the program and hopes the increased position will be easier to fill.

Areas that have the most significant impact on the budget each year:

- Comply with 2.5% increase in contractual rates
- Support increased special education costs
- Support increased transportation costs

In response to the committee's question "would you have more materials and supplies with more in the budget"? Mrs. Tremblay replied, "of course but that would not be fiscally responsible".

#### 5. Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Tremblay informed or updated the committee on the following topics:

- College Board recognition - LHS is on the AP District Honor Roll
- SSS Principal Search
- METCO Director Search
- METCO Update
- LHS Snowball January 28, 2017
- Community School Play - Once Upon a Mattress
- MCAS Testing - computer testing at the elementary and middle schools

No Public Participation

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Matters for Action

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Vote to approve the Lynnfield High School Hockey Team annual trip to Martha's Vineyard - February 18 & 19, 2017.

Mrs. Presser moved to approve the Lynnfield High School Hockey Team annual trip to Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Hayman seconded the motion; all in favor.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

**Vote:** Incoming Educatius Students 2017-2018

Mrs. Presser moved to approve admitting up to 10 Educatius students to the High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Cammarata seconded the motion; all in favor.

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Mr. Doyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55. Mrs. Presser seconded the motion; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted

Diane Borseti

School Committee Secretary