

Sudbury Public Schools (SPS)
School Committee Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2016 @ 7:30 PM @ Noyes Elementary School

Open Session

Vice-Chair Ellen Winer Joachim opened the session at 7:35 PM. Sudbury Cable TV broadcast live

Members Present: Ellen Winer Joachim (Vice-Chair), Lisa Kouchakdjian, Christine Hogan, Richard Tinsley

Members Absent: Lucie St. George (Chair)

Also Present: Anne Wilson, Superintendent of Schools; Kimberly A. Swain, Assistant Superintendent; Justin Dulak, Recording Secretary; Eileen Levoy, SEA Representative

I. Recognitions

- A. Superintendent Anne Wilson informed the Committee that October is National Principals Month and she recognized the principals and assistant principals throughout Sudbury Public Schools. This included Principals Annette Doyle, Jeff Mela, Leo Flanagan, Sharon MacDonald, and Scott Johnson; as well as Assistant Principals Kristin Moffat, Scott Mulcahy, Jennifer LaMontagne and Sara Harvey, as well as House Administrators Bill Grubb, David Jurewicz, and Angela Menke.

II. Open Forum

- A. None

III. Noyes Elementary State of the School

- A. Principal Annette Doyle and Assistant Principal Kristin Moffat presented the state of Peter Noyes Elementary School. Erika Endyke and Cheryl Furdon added the perspective of the Peter Noyes Parent Teacher Organization.

Highlights from the State of the School presentation included:

1. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Competencies
2. The KAP Buddy Bench and the way it reinforces the SEL Competencies
3. Connectedness Survey data
 - a) Reduction of issues at indoor recess, but increase in issues in outdoor recess
 - b) Increase in students engaging in helpful activities for one another
4. DELPHI Method Survey data
 - a) "What do adults do to make students feel welcomed?"

5. Teachers Betsy Allen and Florence Bennett presented on Academic Learning using student journals.
6. Teachers Michael Huelin and Stephanie Cohen Mongeon presented on Response to Intervention (RTI).
7. At the end of the presentation, Principal Annette Doyle requested that the School Committee continue to place an emphasis on social emotional learning.

B. Following the presentation, **Vice-Chair Ellen Winer Joachim** called a break at 8:35 PM

IV. PARCC/MCAS Preliminary Report

A. Meeting Resumed at 8:41 PM

B. Superintendent Anne Wilson and Assistant Superintendent Kim Swain gave a presentation summarizing the results of the past academic year's PARCC and MCAS exams. Highlights included:

1. An explanation of how standardized assessment results are and are not used to improve the district.
2. A timeline of the recent history and anticipated future of standardized assessments in Massachusetts at large, and Sudbury in particular
3. Due to an uneven demographic distribution, DESE will not be releasing statewide results information in 2016.
4. School district results for ELA, Math, and STE were presented.
5. Analysis was also provided on the results of various subgroups of students with high needs.
6. Lacking statewide data against which to compare these preliminary results, Superintendent Wilson provided the Committee with percentile rankings for each of the five schools in SPS, as well data from comparable school districts (Concord, Wayland, Weston, and Belmont). The Overall performance of SPS relative to schools of the same type: Curtis 92%, Haynes 99%, Loring 93%, Nixon 95%, Noyes 90%.
7. Assistant Superintendent Swain explained details about the MCAS 2.0 to the Committee, including that will it be untimed for all students and will consist of PARCC items and new items specifically created to assess Massachusetts Learning Standards

V. Protect Sudbury

A. Vice-Chair Ellen Winer Joachim called the Ethics Commission, and was advised that the School Committee should not be involved with Protect Sudbury, since their cause does not fall within the Committee's purview.

VI. School Committee Communications

A. Highlights

1. **Christine Hogan** moved to accept Highlights as edited, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.

a) **Vote 4-0.** Motion carried.

B. Op-Ed

1. After some discussion about how best to publicize the work of the Committee, and what should be included in those documents, the Committee agreed to have Lisa Kouchakdjian draft a new Op-Ed article. This new piece will be considered at the next meeting.

VII. School Committee Report [Liaison/Subcommittee Reports]

- A. **Christine Hogan** informed the Committee that the School Start Time Subcommittee is considering community members for the Subcommittee and will select them at their next meeting.
- B. **Lisa Kouchakdjian** and **Richard Tinsley** informed the Committee that the Fairbanks Task Force is considering multiple proposals, only one of which includes the SPS facilities. The task force is now considering the likelihood of each proposal passing, and what must be done to meet the needs of all the parties involved under each possible outcome. The Board of Selectmen has expressed its desire to have SPS included in the facility.
- C. Ellen Winer Joachim described her experiences at the Haynes Open House to the Committee.

VIII. Open Forum

- A. None

IX. Superintendent's Report

A. Report

1. **Superintendent Anne Wilson** informed the Committee that the first Superintendent's Chat will be on October 25 from 6-7 PM. Dr. Wilson also informed the Committee that Superintendent Classroom Observation Visits have begun at all of the district's schools.

B. Assistant Superintendent's Report

1. **Assistant Superintendent Kimberly Swain** informed the Committee that Health, Wellness, and Physical Education Coordinator Betsy Grams helped SPS secure a micro-grant from the Apperson Corporation to offset the subscription cost of the DESSA screener, with a value of \$10,000.

C. Bill Schedule

D. Personnel Actions

X. Minutes

- A. The Committee agreed to postpone consideration of the September 7 Minutes until a later meeting.
- XI. Member's Forum**
 - A. School Committee Meeting Protocols Review**
 - B. Lisa Kouchakdjian informed the Committee that SEPAC has an upcoming event with Sudbury Police Chief Scott Nix on October 20.
- XII. Future Agenda Item Discussion**
 - A. Open Forum Protocols discussion, Op-Ed, 20 Minute Extension at Curtis, "Buttoning up Budget Points," Student Fees, Surveys for Tutoring and Private Schools, Long Term Strategic Planning Subcommittee
- XIII. Executive Session**
- XIV. Adjournment**
 - A. **Christine Hogan** moved to adjourn at 11:01 PM, **Lisa Kouchakdjian** seconded.
 - 1. **4-0 vote.** Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Dulak