

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
January 29, 2009
7:30 PM**

PRESENT: Charlie Ellis
Shawna Stea
Mike Fontanella
Nancy Mizzoni
Paul Avella

ALSO PRESENT: Diane Bemis
Marilyn Fedele
Steve Mark
Sara Adams

CALL TO ORDER (8:00 PM)

- A. Charlie Ellis called the meeting to order.
- B. On a motion by Mike Fontanella and seconded by Paul Avella, it was voted to approve the Consent Agenda. (AYE: Unanimous)

INTERESTED CITIZENS

- A. None

RECOGNITION

- A. Charlie Ellis gave a re-cap of the School Committee appreciation reception prior to the meeting. Thank you to all those who donated time, energy, and financial support to the schools.
- B. Two anonymous donations were received at the Middle School to allow a student to attend the upcoming Washington trip.
- C. Congratulations to two high school art students, Alex Barry and Nick Doucette, who were recognized by the Boston Art Awards Committee with gold keys; two of only 43 such keys given out.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Sara Adams gave the High School update. The Relay for Life Kick-Off is Thursday 2/5, at 6:00-7:00 p.m. The Chef's Club Dinner is 2/6 at 6:00 p.m. Students will take the report cards home to save money on postage. Boys and girls basketball and also hockey all made it to the State Tournament. Outdoor track sign-up is 2/5/09.
- B. Dr. Bemis presented a personnel update.
- C. School Improvement Plans Update: Each principal presented their School Improvement Plans.
- D. High School Program of Study – Reviewed the current draft – still a work in a progress.
- E. MOA – School Committee/Food Services – this only needed Charlie's signature.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. School Building Committee. In the process of designing the feasibility study.
- B. Budget Subcommittee – Reviewed the budget process with the Finance Committee.
- C. The Safety and Security Subcommittee – Meeting cancelled due to weather.
- D. Policy Subcommittee – Defer to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rosetta Stone Update – Carol Watson presented an update on the trial packages at Russell Street for students, parents, and teachers.
- B. Littleton Track Organization – PMBC is requesting an estimate of costs and LTO will be attending the PMBC meeting on February 4th.
- C. Notice from NVTHS – term of Mr. Kisch will expire March 31, 2009. Appointment for 3-year term beginning in April. This will be posted.
- D. Relay for Life – An informational kick-off meeting will be held at the High School at 6:00 p.m. on February 5.

INTERESTED CITIZENS

None

ADJOURNMENT

- A. On a motion by Shawna Stea and seconded by Nancy Mizzoni, it was voted to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:00 p.m. for contract negotiation strategy, with no intention to return to Open Session,. (Shawna Stea, AYE; Nancy Mizzoni, AYE; Mike Fontanella, AYE; Paul Avella, AYE, and Charlie Ellis AYE).