

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 16, 2015
King Philip Regional High School - Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Gee, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members Present:	Norfolk:	Jeff Chalmers, Michael Gee, Noelle Tonelli
	Plainville:	Patrick Francomano, Charlene McEntee
	Wrentham:	Lynn Desrochers. Jim Killion
HS Student Council Representative:		Eliza Sheehan
Members Absent:	Norfolk:	Present
	Plainville:	Ann-marie Martin
	Wrentham:	Danielle Schmitz

The meeting is not being videotaped by Wrentham Cable Access. Mr. Gee explained that the public may visit the district's website at www.kingphilip.org to review informational documents pertaining to each school committee meeting. Videotaped meetings may be viewed in their entirety at www.wrenthamcableaccess.com Mr. Gee also explained the procedure for public comment.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Dr. Gilson, Dr. Oliveira, Mr. Wolloff, Mr. Dow

KP Marching Band – Mr. Wolloff provided a brief review of the successful national competition. Several band members were present and brought with them the championship trophy. The send-off rehearsal in front of the student body was a success and the band was well supported by the student body.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

KP DECA Overnight Field Trip:

Dr. Oliveira and Mr. Dow provided a memorandum dated October 20, 2015, concerning the DECA overnight field trips and answered several questions from the School Committee, such as:

Who is going? Response: 100 to state competition, 50 to nationals;

How do the families know how much it is going to cost? Response: Parents are informed of the cost based on what it cost the prior year

Are the costs refundable? We make reservations (transportation and hotel) early to secure the best prices, if a reservation is not used than it is cancelled without a penalty. Once we know the number of students attending state and nationals that fee for registration is paid, that is not refundable.

What determines the number for states? Response: District competition on January 28th;

When will you have a hard price for the trips? Response: After the district competition. Then state organization determines costs, blocks of rooms, registrations, etc.

How is the carryover fund balance level set? Response: The carryover fund balance is based on what is predicted to be needed to pay for the local competition, opening the store (inventory) and dues to DECA for membership. How much funds need to be held over to the next year? Response: We were estimating a fund balance of 4 to 6 thousand, however last year the competition at the local level has gotten so large that there were discussions of needing to move the competition to Gillette. If the competition was moved to Gillette than the registration cost for the event would have easily doubled requiring a larger fund balance needed to cover the costs. Are there any refunds to the families? Response: It will depend on whether or not the competition will be held at Gillette.

Members of the committee expressed that their primary concern is with affordability of the trips for the students and their parents. The questions about the fund balance are to explore whether any balances can offset some of the costs for current or subsequent years.

Do State and national competitions count towards class grades? Response: No, the competitions and participation in them has no bearing on a students grade. Additional comment from Mr. Dow: Some students are able to fundraise all their costs for attending the events.

- ✚ **On a Motion by Mr. Francomano and seconded by Mr. Killion, the School Committee approved the field trip requests subject to receiving further information as it becomes known. All in favor. Yes-7; No-0**

NEW BUSINESS:

HS Improvement Plan: Dr. Oliveira

Dr. Oliveira reviewed the High School Improvement Plan.

MS Improvement Plan: Dr. Gilson

Dr. Gilson reviewed the Middle School Improvement Plan along with strategic goals.

NEASC Two-Year Report: Dr. Oliveira

Dr. Oliveira provided an overview of the NEASC Status Report dated November 3, 2015. The progress report was submitted with most of the requested action steps completed. We are still awaiting a response from NEASC associated with the acceptance of the Media Technology teacher in lieu of a librarian which was the standard when the visit occurred. NEASC has been making changes to its standards. Discussion ensued concerning the efficacy of the NEASC accreditation as it relates to the cost—for example, how colleges view a high school's NEASC accreditation, given the increased rigor of programs and testing and accountability driven from the state level. The point was raised that the NEASC organization is rolling out changes to the process (they presented at MASC/MASS) to address such issues.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes of 11/2/2015:

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Ms. Desrochers to approve the Minutes of November 2, 2015 as presented. All in favor, with Mr. Chalmers and Ms. McEntee abstaining.**

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

- Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, etc. were presented by Dr. Zielinski in a memorandum dated November 16, 2015.
- *Board & Administrator*, October 2015, Vol. 29, No. 6.
- *Murphy, Hesse: Special Education Client Alert*, October 2015.

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. Desrochers, to approve and retain the Executive Session Minutes of November 2, 2015, as presented. All in favor with Mr. Chalmers and Mrs. McEntee abstaining.**

COMMUNICATION:

- KP In the News:
The following articles were published in *The Sun Chronicle*:
"Remembering Rylee," dated November 5, 2015;
"KP Band marches on to honors," dated November 5, 2015;
"Fenway honor to KP teacher," dated November 4, 2015.

- Bristol Community College: Dual Enrollment Program. Dr. Zielinski and Dr. Oliveira reviewed the letter from Bristol Community College concerning the dual enrollment policy.
- Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) Endorsement Information. Income eligibility requirements have changed and the courses will now have a cost to the student. There was a lengthy discussion concerning the SEI endorsement and the implications for the school district.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

In a memorandum dated November 12, 2015, Dr. Zielinski congratulated the members of the KPRHS Marching Band.

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Mr. Chalmers

Mr. Chalmers gave a brief report on activities at Norfolk Elementary.

Plainville School Committee Representative: Mrs. McEntee

Ms. McEntee gave a brief report on activities at Plainville Elementary.

Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Schmitz

None

HS Student Council Report: Ms. Sheehan

Ms. Sheehan provided a report on High School Student activities as follows:

Schoolwide

Congratulations to the King Philip Marching Band who was named the National Champions of their Division at the MetLife Stadium last week!

2 DECA Juniors hosted a "Paint Night" on Thursday, November 12th which raised funds to help support their project regarding Habitat for Humanity.

Grades closed on November 6th. Term 2 has officially begun!

Leo Club

The Leo Club Induction ceremony was held on Tuesday, November 3rd for new freshman in the Leo Club. Congratulations to the new members on their involvement!

Student Council

The Student Council just announced that they will be hosting their annual holiday event: Holiday Party 2015! This event is for young elementary students to spend the day with students from KP, singing carols, enjoying lunch, playing games, and receiving gifts bought by members of the senior class and student council. The seniors' class participation has represented 85% of the grade in years previous. This is an event the seniors look forward to each and every year! This year the council has invited Stoughton Elementary to spend the day with KP.

Student Council will be hosting their annual bonfire on Tuesday, November 24th. The following day, Pep Rally will occur leading up to the Thanksgiving Football Game @ Home VS Franklin High School.

A survey was just sent out to KP Students (via Twitter) to find out what spirit days are in demand! Students can vote from the following spirit days:

Tie Dye Day
Tourist Day
Neon Day

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MRSA Update:

Mr. Schaefer provided a cost breakdown in a memorandum dated November 6, 2015, of the recent special cleanup costs for the High School.

Transportation Issues: Bus Overcrowding and Bus Stops

Mr. Schaefer and Dr. Zielinski reviewed recent bus transportation issues with the School Committee. Mr. Schaefer provided an overview in a memorandum dated November 12, 2015 to the Committee that included a ridership report.

NEW BUSINESS (continued):

Home School Request:

- ✚ **On a Motion by Mr. Francomano and seconded by Ms. McEntee, the request for home schooling for TF, Grade 7 was approved. All in favor.**

LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

Dr. Zielinski and Dr. Oliveira provided information concerning the color selection for the robes to be worn by the seniors at graduation. There was also a review of the state policies and guidelines concerning nondiscrimination on the basis of gender identity. There is a survey for the seniors and parents to decide on a final selection. There are four choices of style and two choices of color combinations.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Gee, Vice Chair determined that there was no need for an executive session for the committee this evening.

- ✚ **At 8:50pm, A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mrs. Desrochers, to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote. Yes (7); No (0).**

Respectfully submitted,

*Mr. Paul Schaefer
Acting Secretary*