

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 4, 2004**

Present: A. Pratt, M. Wood, M. Brannelly, W. Kohlman, P. Howes
Administrators: M. Masterson, D. Mayer

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Masterson recognized the following faculty:

- Sharon Santillo, GM Art Teacher, will be presenting the Mass Reading Association Conference in April. Her topic will be Picturing Writing - fostering Literacy through Art.
- Mike Stevens, Fowler Tech Teacher, has been appointed by the DOE to a 3-year term on the Technology and Engineering Advisory Council.
- Jill Greene, Director of Student Services, has been elected President of the Council for exceptional children-Mass Federation.
- Lois Cohen, Excel Program Director arranged 4 classes of Spanish instruction through the Global Child program.

The Committee recognized MHS student Phil Dolan for his quick actions with a WAVM student that had a severe seizure.

Student Report

Julie McCarthy and Ashley McFarland reported on MHS sports, Student Debate, Diversity Survey, Student Government Raffle the month of December, Spirit week during the week of Thanksgiving. The MHS Activity Night is November 9 for the 8th graders.

The Committee briefly discussed the strategies for the joint meeting on November 9 with the Selectmen and the Finance Committee.

Budget

Mr. DiCicco gave an overview of the FY06 planning process.

Curriculum Update

Dan Mayer presented the following areas of concern:

- Math performance of all student
- Overall academic performance of boys
- Failure to make AYP for SPED and FRL students
- Lack of emphasis on teaching the new basic skills that drive today's economy
- Lack of technology standards
- Lack of Technology use

Goals

- Beat the state MCAS average by at least 10 percentage points in each subject and for all subgroups
- Use technology to enhance the core curriculum
- Build curriculum leadership capacity

- The district will begin to use standardized tests for students in 2nd grade allowing weaknesses to be addressed before MCAS not after.

- Better communication is needed between special needs teachers, tutors and regular education teachers. The district will be looking at whether appropriate accommodations are being given to special needs students.

- Administrators will be training in curriculum leadership and met on a regular basis to discuss progress toward the district goals. Also, a Technology Planning Committee will assess the district, develop a 3-year technology plan and begin the implementation of the plan.

- District budget priorities will be set at the next meeting

Members Questions

The committee would like to see if the added early release days for Fowler have improved the parent/teacher conferences in November. A discussion on Senior Project being piloted. SAT, NEASC and Facilities update and now that full-day kindergarteners are in grade 3, how are they doing? Pam Resor and Pat Walrath back to a general meeting for conversation.

Mrs. Pratt would like to have a “Share the Success” program presented at the next MASC convention in Worcester.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session by roll call vote at 8:40 p.m. P. Howes (Yes); W. Kohlman (Yes); M. Brannelly (Yes); M. Wood (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary