

**MAYNARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
COOLIDGE SCHOOL
December 2, 2004**

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

Recognitions:

Mary Brannelly was recognized last night by the Assabet Valley Chamber of Commerce for her considerable service to the schools, the Boys & Girls Club and the Food Pantry.

WAVM: A former student of Joe Magno's, Bob Gately, spent six weeks in Greece as an ABC manager televising the Olympic games. Chris Johnson, another student of Joe's, has been hired for a position similar to Joe's in the Souderton Area High School (Pa.)

Music:

Three MHS students were accepted (after auditioning among hundreds of talented HS students) for Central Massachusetts Division of Sr. Districts. (a huge accomplishment as they take only enough students to make one band and one chorus!): Bryan Kozik, Kevin Kozik and Becky Thorburn. Also, the MHS based rock group, Gung Ho, placed 2nd this weekend out of 44 amazing bands, all of whom performed and competed at the Palladium.

Student Report

SADD had students pledging to wear seatbelts during the holiday season. Basketball try-outs are this week. The telethon is December 10, 11, and 12. Senior, Jennifer Sobuto organized a powder puff football game to raise money with the Community Service Group to donate money to Remembering Maynard's Own.

AP Course Enrollment and Exam Performance

- 81 students (senior and others) took AP courses during the 03/04 school year. Down from 89 the prior year, but up dramatically from 58 during the 01/02 school year.
- Female students are more likely to take AP courses: 70% were female and 30% male.
- 5 AP courses were offered last: Biology, Spanish, English Lit, English Comp and US History. During the 2 preceding years, 8 courses were offered.
- 100% of students taking the biology exam, 67% of students taking the English Comp exam and 67% of the females taking the English Comp exam received a 3 or above.

SAT Participation and Scores

- Female students were much more likely to take the SAT exam. 94% of senior females took the SAT while only 77% of male senior took it.
- The average SAT exam scores for the females and males this past year were roughly equal.
- March 2005 will start the new SAT test. There will be more critical reading, more vocabulary, Algebra II and a writing test.

NEASC Update

1999/2000 Mission/Expectations
2000/2001 Self-Study
April, 2002 NEASC Visit
July, 2003 Special Progress Report
October 2004 2-Year Report
April, 2007 5-Year Report

- After the April 2002 visit until the present the High School:
- Developed school wide performance standards
- Developed department rubrics
- Integrated the Library Media program into the curriculum
- Enhanced The Orientation Program for in-coming grade 8 students

2004/2005 will be concentrating on curriculum maps

2004-2007 will have a professional development assessment, review financial support, technology and staffing.

Facilities

May, 2003 the School Facilities Committee was formed.

May, 2004 – the first warrant article was passed for \$20K

Fall, 2004 – focused on ADA Accessibility and planning the new Science Labs

Additional monies will be asked for at the Fall Town Meeting.

Minutes

A motion was made by W. Kohlman to accept the minutes of November 4, October 20 and October 7. 2nd by M. Brannelly. Motion passed.

Members Questions

- Mr. Howes asked about the gym floors at the Fowler School and the Grading Policy at Fowler.
- The Committee would like have a “meet and greet” with the new teachers.
- Mrs. Brannelly complimented D. Mayer on the planning of the last Professional Development Day. Also, Ms. Roussell at the Fowler School has started a Community Service program at grades 6, 7 and 8. There is presently a food drive and they will be sponsoring families at the Food Pantry for Christmas.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. to Executive Session by roll call vote without the intent to return to open session. W. Kohlman (Yes); M. Brannelly (Yes); (Yes); M. Wood (Yes); A. Pratt (Yes). P. Howes (Yes).

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Moore
Superintendent's Secretary