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School Committee Meeting

October 19th – 6:00 pm
2nd Floor - Town Hall Auditorium
2023

Attendance:

Anthony Findley, Adam LeBlanc, Jake Catlin, David LaPointe,
Ruthann Petrino-Goguen, Interim Superintendent, Amanda Babinski

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Audio Disclosure
4. **Student Representative Update:** Homecoming week was successful. 170 students attended the dance. Raised over \$300 for the school food pantry at the Gardner Elks vendor bingo. Hosting a bottle drive to benefit the senior class trip on 10/21. Elementary PTO sponsoring the Monster Ball on 10/27. Football Senior night is on 10/27. Golf match tomorrow. Track meet on Saturday and Cheer competition on Sunday. Student Council attending the annual offer shop on 10/28. Haunted High School is on 10/28, each class will host a scare room for visitors. The proceeds benefit the yearbook.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Consent Agenda:**
 - a. **Field Trip Request – ALL Program Field Trips**
Suggested Motion: Move to approve the ALL program Field Trip as presented.
A.Findley motion to approve the ALL program field trip as presented. Second by A. LeBlanc. Vote is unanimous.
7. **Superintendent's Report:**
 - a. **Superintendent's Update –**
 - i. **Principles' Reports**
Mrs. French, Memorial Elementary: Some students came up to tell the committee about a read aloud book they read in class and what the story is about.

Mrs. Diaz, Toy Elementary: Had a goal to get out of the bottom 10%, and was currently at 8%. Gained a five-point increase. Unity Day on Wednesday – wear orange. Went over kindness, bullying and how to prevent bullying.
 - b. **Budget Update –** Dr. Goguen provides updates of enrollment numbers in each building. 83 in PreK, 308 in Memorial, 279 in Toy Town, 299 in Middle, and 287 in High School. Moved staffed around to cover open positions. 7/8 interventionist moved to cover 7/8 SPED position. Moved a middle school guidance counselor to Lead counselor for

Murdock Success Academy. Hire two PT athletic directors. Hired a HS chemistry teacher. Tomorrow is A. Babinski's last day. Interim, Amanda will be working remotely ten hours a week and Liz Latoria and Darcie Morin will fill in where needed. They will be given a stipend to help manage the business office. Murdock is moving back into the High School on Monday. The HS principal will be overseeing the program. Teachers will also rotate for extra support. The Assistant Director of Pupil Service has been establishing clearer protocols and communicated them to staff and students. Crossing guard has been added to the MS and HS exit. Sign has been put in the sidewalk to have drivers slow down. Blinking light is or will be fixed shortly. Fence is up at memorial where kids cut through the woods. Wrote for a TAG grant and we'll receive \$50,000 that will go towards math development. Monthly safety meeting today and we will be updating medical emergency preparedness plans. Professional Development on 11/1 will be communicating safety preparedness.

8. Subcommittee Reports: none

9. New Business:

a. Organizational Meeting Discussion

A. LeBlanc motion to table organizational meeting discussion until Nov 1st. Second by A. Findley. Vote is unanimous.

b. ESSER Fund Update – Ms. Amanda Babinski, Director of Finance & Operations.

ESSER, I ended September of 2022. ESSER II we closed out on September 20, 2023.

ESSER III will be utilized the end of this fiscal year and then sort of that summer, first quarter of next year. Discussion on the disperse of the ESSER funds and how it is being used.

10. Old Business: None

11. Future Agenda Items:

a. MASC Delegate

b. Special Town Meeting Discussion

c. Handle With Care

d. SEPAC

A. Findley motions to table the 4 items listed until the 11/2 meeting. Second by J. Catlin. Vote is unanimous.

12. Closing Member Comments

Recognizes the athletics secretary who has done a great job.

Recognizes the MHS principle stepping up with cover for the AD as the position was getting filled.

Thanks, Amanda, for her time here and the work she has done.

13. Adjournment

A. Findley motions to adjourn. Second by J. Catlin. Vote is unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:



Darcie Morin, Payroll & Data Specialist

Documents Attached: None