

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016
TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

1. Call to order: 6:04 P M.

Present: Dawn Harris, Greg Vine, Danielle LaPointe (6:05 PM), Janet Corbosiero, Larry Murphy
Steve Haddad-Superintendent, Mark Chapulis-Business Office, TMS

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Citizen Questions and/or Comments: none

4. Correspondence and Announcements: none

5. Student Representative: Aidan Provost announced that the annual Morton E. Converse Tournament of Plays started with a matinee today; there are evening performances on April 1st & 2nd. Spring sports have started; game schedules were reviewed. The Yankee Doodle Circus will be at the Murdock gymnasium on April 5th, with shows at 5:15 PM and 7:30 PM. Grade 6 is going to the Museum of Science on April 6th. The MHS Student Council will attend the Central District Spring Conference on April 29th.

6. Student Recognition: Memorial-Madison Woolfrey and Emma Woolfrey, 2nd grade; Toy Town Elementary-Calvin Tenney, 5th grade; Murdock Middle School-Logan Wilson, 7th grade; Murdock Academy-Macaylia Cochran-Gauthier 10th grade.

Teacher of the Month- None

7. Superintendent Report: S. Haddad

- a. MASC Advisor of the Year: Stephanie Rondeau was awarded this state wide recognition for the MHS Student Council. Aidan Provost read a letter from Joshua Romano that helped her get the nomination; her values and spirit were noted. An extensive list of her efforts to help every student and the families in the community was highlighted. She also contributes to the causes that go beyond the community, including blood drives and packages for service people. She is a key part of improving the school culture at MHS. The council has achieved the Gold Council of Excellence, the highest level of recognition. Being a 5-star council shows the level of participation in student council events and activities. She noted kids in our community who do not attend MHS are missing out. She commended advisors, parents and administrators. S. Haddad asked her to work with a team on the Murdoch marketing campaign. Mark Lawrence, President of the Student Council, also wrote a letter nominating Ms. Rondeau.
- b. Kiwanis Recycle A Bike Program-April 16th -Over 60 new helmets and refurbished bikes will be distributed, free of charge, from 9-11 at the Old Murdock Senior Center.
- c. Jump Rope for Heart-Tony Dellasanta- Explained the program that raises funds for the American Heart Association; students raised \$1,140. He introduced James Daigle and Jeremy Mackey, who tied as top fundraisers, raising \$150 each. Mr. Dellasanta noted a common art theme in all the contest winners; shows how important the arts are in schools and the impact on the students.

d. Fire Safety Contest Winners-

e. Gardner News-Student Winners-

- Timothy Jinn, 8th grade, Second Place-Drawing
- Erica Lashua, 8th grade, Third Place-Essay
- Hannah DeManche, 8th grade, Honorable Mention-Essay; also won the Fire Safety Contest with her drawing.
- Nancy Linn, 8th grade-First Place-Essay
- Tiana Kowaleski, 5th grade-Honorable Mention-drawing
- Destiny Algier, 5th grade-Design-An-Ad
- Janet Smith, 5th grade, Design-An-Ad
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G. Vine noted that the first hour of the meeting was a celebration of the students, school and community.

7:03 PM G. Vine moved to take a 10-minute recess. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.

7:13 PM Reconvened

- f. Central Office Sign-S. Haddad explained that the computer graphics design class designed signs to direct visitors to the office.

The Toy Town PTO sponsored an Anti-Bullying Magic Show featuring Joey D, that was presented to encourage ideas such as 'be a buddy not a bully', on March 22nd. Dwayne Bernier-Sellars, 3rd grader, competed against 6-8th graders in the Central Mass. Spelling Bee.

S. Haddad reviewed how helpful the AESOP program could be, noting it interfaces with Harpers. The administrative team has reviewed it. D. LaPointe requested the program be presented to the secretaries who will be working with it. The NAWWG collaborative is working on professional development; S. Haddad was asked to be the Chairman of the group. S. Haddad and committee members voiced displeasure regarding the Narragansett ad urging students to choice in to that district. Some people feel it is pressure to regionalize; the DOE commissioner is in favor of regionalization. Discussion included strategies to encourage students to stay in district, stressing the need to talk to those students. Discontinuing the Monty Tech rep day was discussed.

Business Office Report:

- a. Budget Development Update- M. Chapulis presented figures for voting the school budget in the warrant articles for the town meeting. He explained how he derived the figures for the articles. If figures change, the article can be amended at town meeting. He reviewed the revolving accounts authorized at town meeting last year. Articles are due to Town Hall on Monday, April 4th. G. Vine moved to accept the 4 town meeting articles presented to the school committee this evening and to approve them for presentation to the town at the annual town meeting on May 2nd. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0. Discussion of timely minute approval followed. He suggested the minutes be moved to after the pledge of allegiance.

8. Old Business:

- a. Student Activities Account Audit-L. Murphy moved to table to the next meeting. Second by D. LaPointe. Approved 5-0-0.

S. Haddad announced that April is Autism Awareness Month and asked people to wear blue in support.

9. New Business:

- a. CAPS School Committee representative appointment- S. Haddad explained the purpose of the special education collaborative and the responsibilities of the representative. L. Murphy nominated, J. Corbosiero to be the CAPS representative. Second by D. LaPointe. Approved 5-0-0. S. Haddad will submit his letter of resignation to the Executive Director; he will remain on the FLACC board. The district wide School Council meeting is on April 28th.
- b. WTA contract ratified-Executive Session Discussion

10. Citizens Questions and Comments by Members: none

11. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meetings Not Yet Approved or Released:

- a. Executive Session: November 21, 2013-Legal representation gave written consent that they can be released. D. LaPointe moved to approve in form and release. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 4-0-1. G. Vine abstained.
- b. Executive Session: October 8, 2015-J. Corbosiero moved to approve and hold. Second by D. LaPointe. Approved 4-0-1. L. Murphy abstained.
- c. School Committee Meeting-TMS Workshop-October 8, 2015-J. Corbosiero moved to approve for release. Second by D. LaPointe. 4-0-1. L. Murphy abstained.
- d. Executive Session: January 21, 2016- J. Corbosiero moved to approve and hold. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.
- e. Executive Session: February 4, 2016- - J. Corbosiero moved to approve and hold. Second by G. Vine. Approved 5-0-0.
- f. Executive Session: February 25, 2016-J. Corbosiero moved to approve and hold. Second by L. Murphy. Approved 4-0-1. G. Vine abstained.
- g. Regular Session: January 21, 2016-D. LaPointe moved to approve. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.
- h. Regular Session: February 4, 2016- D. LaPointe moved to approve. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.
- i. Joint Meeting w/ BOS and FinCom: February 4, 2016- D. LaPointe moved to approve. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.
- j. Regular Session: February 25, 2016- D. LaPointe moved to approve. Second by G. Vine. . Approved 5-0-0.
- k. Regular Session: March 3, 2016- D. LaPointe moved to approve. Second by J. Corbosiero. Approved 5-0-0.

L. Murphy moved to add Thursday, March 3, 2016, to our agenda for approval. Second by D. LaPointe. J. Corbosiero-Aye; D. LaPointe-Aye; L. Murphy,-Aye; G Vine-Aye; Dawn Harris-Aye. Approved 5-0-0.

Executive Session-March 3, 2016-D. LaPointe moved to approve and hold. Second by G Vine.
Approved 5-0-0.

12. Questions and Comments by Members: J. Corbosiero questioned the "Restricted List Book-Draft".
S. Haddad explained it is the list of books that the children read in each grade level.

13. Other: none

14. Future Agenda Items:

- Monty Tech Representative - FY16 Quarterly Meeting Schedule
- Student Activities Audit

15. Executive Session: J. Corbosiero moved to go into Executive Session for purpose #2-To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. or purpose #3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open body may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares for collective bargaining strategies, (the Chair so declared) and to return to open session for the sole purpose of adjourning. Second by G. Vine. J. Corbosiero-Aye; D. LaPointe-Aye; L. Murphy,-Aye; G Vine-Aye; Dawn Harris-Aye. Approved 5-0-0.

16. Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted: _____
Barrie E. Martins, School Committee Recording Secretary