

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: 5 West Street, School Committee Room

March 13, 2024 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Absent

Zoom

Jessie Harrington

Stef Parker

Beth Chamberland, Superintendent

Meghan McCrillis

Samantha Rapahel

Brooke Wrenn

Alan Keller, Assistant Superintendent

Cecelia Wirzbicki, Business Manager

Jennifer Stanick, Pak Principal

Karen Ballway

Isabella Faber, Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER:

Jessie Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Meghan McCrillis read out loud the Auburn Public School Vision & Commitment.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

Jessie Harrington asked if we had any citizens here to comment either in the audience or on Zoom. There were no comments.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: None

Minutes: 2/28/24

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to accept the minutes from 2/8/24.

Brooke Wrenn made a motion to accept the minutes from 2/28/24. Samantha Raphael seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

Isabella Faber:

- Voting day (Super Tuesday)
 - AP GOV classes volunteered to work the polls
 - Met Ginger (town clerk) she was amazing
 - Counting votes was super cool
 - Will be signing up to volunteer again
- ski trip
 - Snow!!! 15 inches
 - Sugarloaf, Maine
 - Soooo much fun
- NHS Induction tomorrow
 - 6-8pm for new members being inducted
- Mr. Auburn
 - Huge production, next Thursday
 - Choreography
 - \$15
- Play
 - Hunchback of Notre Dame
 - French classes will be attending as they are reading it
- Club photos
 - Important to get involved
- End of trimesters
 - Finals
 - Class changes
 - Home stretch
 - Spring Sports are starting
 - Special Olympics are this weekend
 - Disney breakfast March 23, 2024

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Jessie Harrington made reference that Dr. Chamberland was joining us via Zoom, and introduced her for the Superintendent's Report.

Student Spotlight: None

Unfinished Business:

Superintendent's Goal/Summative Evaluation Update

Dr. Chamberland addressed everyone and thanked the committee for accommodating her for this unusual situation that she was not able to attend the meeting in person.

At the last meeting Dr. Chamberland had presented an update on her goals for the school year as well as evidence of what she had done throughout the year to help inform the evaluation process. She asked the members if they had any questions regarding what she presented at the last meeting.

Samantha Raphael asked about clarification on page 4 of the Superintendent's performance goals. She was not sure if under the student learning goal, professional practice goal and district improvement goal on that page, if the committee was supposed to fill anything out.

Dr. Chamberland stated no, it was a reference so in the evaluation piece the goals can be rated as to how she met them.

No one else had any questions. Dr. Chamberland stated if along the way anyone has any questions as they are completing the evaluation, to please reach out.

New Business: None

TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT:

Alan Keller: Included in your packet is a draft of the Auburn Public School's Student Opportunity Act Plan for your review. The Student Opportunity Act was enacted by the Massachusetts Department of Education in 2019, requiring all districts in Massachusetts set clear targets for improving disparities in achievement among student groups as part of their three-year Student Opportunity Act. It must align with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education strategic objectives. And those objectives must be supported with evidence-based programs.

Mr. Keller then reviewed the draft that is in the packet and stated he would return with it at the March 27th meeting and seek the committee's approval.

There are 3 initiatives:

1. Implement a multi-tiered system of support to help students academically and in their social emotional and behavioral development.
2. Select and skillfully implement high-quality and engaging instructional materials that support culturally and linguistically sustaining practices and foster deeper learning.
3. Implement academic supports and interventions that provide all students particularly students with disabilities and multilingual learners, equitable access to deeper learning.

Dr. Chamberland shared this plan in her most recent newsletter and asked for feedback. Each principal is also asking their school councils for feedback as well.

Brooke Wrenn asked if we had any of that feedback yet.

Alan Keller stated some of the principals have shared the feedback from their councils, other councils haven't met yet. Dr. Chamberland has not received feedback yet.

Samantha Raphael asked if it made sense to separate the academic and social emotional behavior piece in the first initiative. Also, under community, to add local sports because we open up our facilities to local sports teams.

Alan Keller said it is a great thought, but these initiatives are dictated through the department of Ed, so if they do not separate it, we can not.

Megan McCrillis states it may be put together because if a student isn't socially emotionally regulated it's going to impact their academics.

Dr. Chamberland reiterated that you can only select what is provided by the Department for these initiatives. There is a certain template that you must follow.

Jessie Harrington states it seems like we are ahead of the game with the UDL.

There were no more questions.

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Year to Date Budget Report

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a year to date budget report dated March 6, 2024 for review.

Budget Transfers

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a listing of Budget Transfers dated March 6, 2024 between the same series and between different series for which she is sought approval.

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to approve the *list of Transfers dated March 6, 2024, as presented by the Business Manager.*

Samantha Raphael made a motion to approve the *list of Transfers dated March 6, 2024, as presented by the Business Manager, Brooke Wrenn seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.*

Executive Session - No

At 6:p.m. Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to adjourn for the evening.

Meghan McCrillis made a motion to adjourn for the evening. Samantha Raphael seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Adjourned at 6:22pm

Roll Call Vote
Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Williams

Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

Meeting Minutes: 2/28/24

APS Student Opportunity Act Plan

Year to date budget report dated 3-6-24

Transfers date 3-6-24

Approved 3-27-24