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**Minutes**  
**Machias School Committee**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2020**  
**Superintendent's Office**  
**4:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Richard Shaw, Carolyn Nadeau, William Weaver.

**Others Present:** Joyce Fragale, Brian Leavitt, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look,  
Scott Porter.

**I. Call to order at 3:56 p.m. by Richard Shaw.**

**II. Approval of the minutes of February 5, 2020.**

Motion by Carolyn Nadeau to approve the minutes of February 5, 2020.  
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 3-0.

**III. Agenda Adjustments: None.**

**IV. Public Comment: None.**

**V. Principal's Report:**

RMG: Enclosed.  
MMHS: Enclosed.

**VI. New Business:**

**1. AOS 96 Workshops:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the recent half day AOS 96 workshop was very productive with AOS 96 teachers working collaboratively on curriculum development. He also informed the Committee that a full day workshop is scheduled for March 13, 2020.

**2. Draft 2020/2021 School Calendar:**

The Superintendent distributed copies of the draft 2020/2021 school calendar to the School Committee. The Superintendent explained the calendar to the Committee and then answered questions. He also informed the Committee that a Washington Academy official did attend the AOS 96 Calendar Development Committee meeting.

**3. School Safety:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the AOS 96 Administrative Team met with local, county and State Police officials on February 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss school safety. They also reviewed school responses to a threat and a triple homicide.

**4. 2020/2021 Budget Development Progress:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the AOS 96 central office business manager is working on town draft budgets. The School Committee will see a draft 20/21 budget at their April meeting.

**5. Budget Committee Date:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the meeting with the Budget Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the Machias Town Office.

**6. Field Improvement Committee Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Field Improvement Committee received a \$5,000.00 donation from Chip Knowlton.

**7. CTE Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Four Corners CTE Project is scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2020. He also informed the Committee that ads have been placed in the local papers and online for a full time CTE Director.

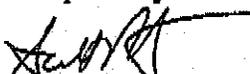
**8. Federal Title Funding:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Machias School Department will receive an increase in Title V funding in the upcoming year.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 4:35 p.m. by Carolyn Nadeau.  
Second: William Weaver; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter  
Superintendent of Schools  
AOS 96  
Machias Bay Area School System

## RMG PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 3/4/20

### **The Principal's Desk**

Although there are no cases in Maine currently, we are following guidance from the CDC and Department of Education surrounding the Corona Virus. The custodial and teaching staff as well as parents have been briefed on recommended practices.

### **Sports/Clubs**

The 5/6 basketball season has begun. Their first games were played last night. Coaches are: Girls - Mr. Bob Sinford and Mr. Scotty Reynolds, Boys- Mr. Chad Fitzsimmons and Mr. Chris Bridges, and Cheerleaders, Mrs. Tammy Hooper.

The first 3/4 basketball practices were held after school today. Mr. Sinford will be coaching this team as well.

Check out our digital calendar for games and practices, as well as other events: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

### **Supporting Our Community**

On February 14<sup>th</sup>, students "jumped rope for hearts" to benefit the American Heart Association. This JMG sponsored event was a big hit with the students as they jumped to music. Everyone had a great time, and for a good cause! Thank you JMG students and advisor Mrs. Copel-Parsons for adding to our Valentines (Kindness Day) celebration fun.

### **Special Events**

A benefit supper for retired RMG Teacher Mrs. Maureen Smith was held on Friday February 29<sup>th</sup>. There was a great turn out.

### **Other Goings on Around RMG**

The third time is a charm! Our PreK-4 students did an amazing job performing at our twice cancelled winter concert. The music selection was awesome and the students were all adorable! We are fortunate to have the very talented Mrs. Baker working with our students. She certainly keeps our love of music alive!

We celebrated Dr. Seuss Birthday with the rest of the schools in the nation during Read Across America Day on Monday. Student readers from our upper grades read their favorite books to students in the younger grades. Students and teachers Dropped Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.) in the afternoon. We were interrupted with a visit from the "Cat in the Hat" (Mitchell Worcester) and "Thing 1" (Ethan Foss) and "Thing 2" (Cashman Feeney). This was followed by ice cream for everyone. Thank you to our Literacy Team for sponsoring this event.

### Winter Carnival

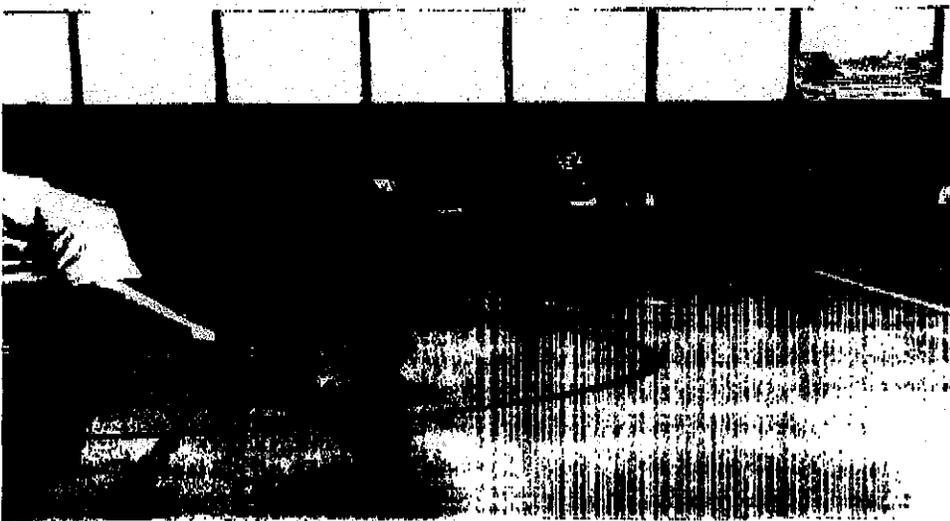
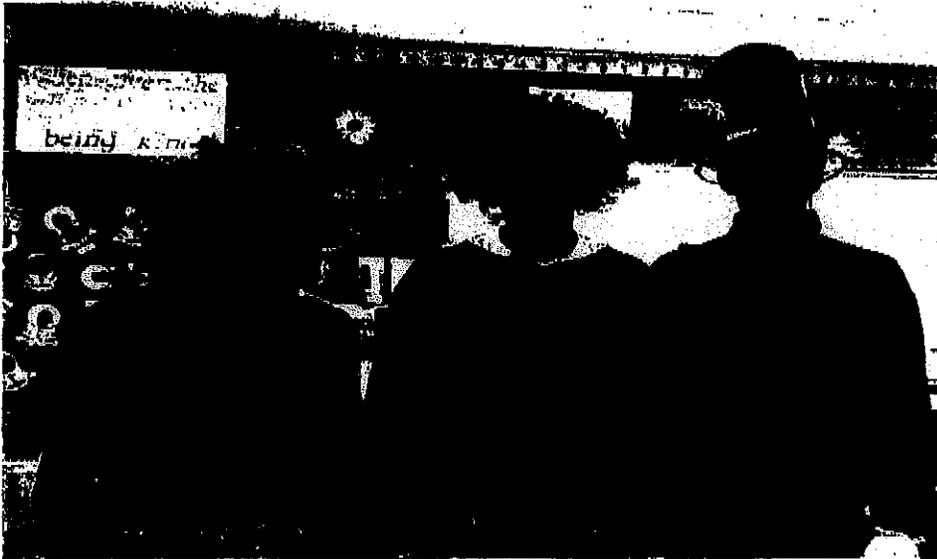
Karen Beeftink and UMM Recreation Management Students brought the annual Winter Carnival to RMG yesterday. No snow during the Winter Carnival seems to be an annual occurrence for us. Mrs. Beeftink and her students accommodated our situation with a back-up plan. Students had a wonderful time participating in the outdoor activities.

Check us out and see what we're up to!!!

RMG Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>.

RMG Digital Calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

RMG Facebook Page: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>



Top: Ethan Foss, Cashman Feeney, Mr. Mitchell Worcester

Bottom: Students participate in JMG Sponsored Jump Rope for Hearts

**Machias Memorial High School**  
Principal's Report  
March 2020

## **2020 Maine Class D North Basketball Champions**



The boys basketball team had a great season! Coach Getchell and his coaching staff pushed the team beyond expectations. I am confident they will be a strong contender for the state championship for the next two years.

I would like to thank the Machias community and businesses for their support of the basketball team:

Bar Harbor Banking & Trust, Machias Savings Bank, RH Foster, Camden National Bank, Eastport Port Authority, Hammond Lumber, Hannaford Supermarket, Machias Memorial High School Athletic Boosters, David & Holly Whitney, Helen's Restaurant, Bluebird Ranch Family Restaurant, Pineo's True Value, Mallar's Plumbing, E. Pellon Company, Huntley Auto, Mike Leonard, Wall's TV, Hanscom Construction, Varney Insurance Agency, Border Electric, Tom's Mini Mart, Archibald's, Peter Buck Flooring, and Johnson Town Line.

I also would like to thank the MMHS Pep Band and Nadine Baker, MMHS Cheerleaders, Coastal Washington CIT Culinary program and Chef Fitz, and Mr. Robert Sinford for their support of our team. In addition, I would like to thank Washington County Sheriffs Department, Maine State Police, Maine Warden Service, Maine Marine Patrol, Pleasant River Ambulance, Jonesboro Fire Department, Machias Police Department, Machias Fire Department, Machias Ambulance Service, Washington County Regional Communications, East Machias Fire Department, Marshfield Fire Department, Machiasport Fire Department, The "Flag Man", and Cindy Rossi for the awesome motorcade.

### **Maine Arts Commission**

Surveys have been sent to parents, community members, teachers, and administrators. The data will be used to assess the needs of our school and prepare for a public forum. The Community Forum will be held on April 27 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at RMG.

**MANDT Training**

On February 26 MMHS teachers received MANDT training. MANDT is a philosophy for building positive relationships. MMHS has embraced this philosophy as a way to create positive relationships between students and teachers as well as a tool to create a caring nurturing school culture. We are fortunate to have Mr. Roy, one of our special education teachers, as a trainer. The goal is to have all teachers and staff trained.



**Culinary Students Compete in Portland**

Chef Fitz and her students travelled to Portland to compete in the annual ProStart competition. This is the second year that students from Coastal Washington CIT have competed in this event. All of our students did a great job and represented our school extremely well.



This year we sent two teams: A cooking team and a marketing management team. The marketing management team has qualified for the national competition in Washington D.C. The date for the competition is in May.



**MMHS Girls Basketball Team Visits Marshall's**

On Valentine's Day the team visited Marshall's Health Care facility and passed out carnations and spent time with the residents. Thank you to Lucy and Troy Case for sponsoring this event. This is the second year the team has visited the group.

