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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
Superintendent's Office
5:15 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely, Carolyn Nadeau.

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

I. Call to order at 5:25 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. **Approval of the minutes of January 8, 2020.**

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the January 8, 2020.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 4-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Public Comment:** None.

V. **Principal's Report:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. **New Business:**

1. School Committee Member Appointment:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that Richelle Leighton resigned from her position on the Machias School Committee. The School Committee took action to appoint William Weaver as the new School Committee member.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the appointment of William Weaver to the Machias School Committee.
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

2. Field Improvement Marketing Proposal:

The Field Improvement Committee is continuing efforts to raise funds for field improvements. They are also looking into the possibility of working with the marketing firm, Osborne Media, to promote the capital campaign.

3. CTE Programming:

The Superintendent reported that the Four Corners Columbia CTE project will be finished by the end of July 2020 with new programs for the start of school in the Fall of 2020.

4. State Board Meeting:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he attended the State Board meeting in Augusta on January 15, 2020.

5. Winter Convocation:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he attended the Annual MSSA Winter Convocation in South Portland on January 16-17, 2020. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Judge John T. Broderick. Judge Broderick served as a New Hampshire Supreme Court Judge for a number of years. He told Superintendents the story of his son's struggle with mental health issues that went undetected until he was an adult. The Judge is now working with Jeff Levin, a New Hampshire social worker that is passionate about helping trauma impacted students. They travel to school districts in New England with their message of hope.

The Commissioner of Education, Pender Makin, also attended the conference. The Commissioner spoke to Maine Superintendents about her vision for education in our state and she held a question and answer session as well.

6. Legislative Update:

The Superintendent reported there are a number of labor related bill this session that could impact schools.

7. 2020/2021 Budget Development Timeline:

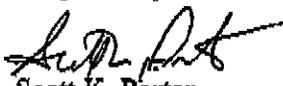
The Superintendent informed the School Committee that central office staff have started the budget development process. The Maine Department of Education released subsidy levels recently and at this point the Town of Machias will receive an increase in subsidy. The Legislature has not acted on the supplemental budget at this time.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 6:05 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.

Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

RMG PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**2/5/20****The Principal's Desk**

Welcome to Linda St. Clair who will be assisting our kitchen staff. Linda and her husband have recently moved to Machias. Her background includes driving bus, and running a daycare.

We were in a position on two separate days, Friday and Monday, to have to implement our safety protocols. Students, teachers, and staff members did an amazing job! Although these are unfortunate events, we always learn something that helps us improve the safety of our students.

This week is National School Counselor's week. We are fortunate to have one of the "best in the business" working in our school with our students. We appreciate Mr. Rottersman's work, and dedication to our school.

Sports/Clubs

The Junior High regular basketball season has come to an end. Practices will continue over the next two weeks. Playoff schedules are being decided. It is likely that our girls will play on the road. Our boys, being in second place, will play at home. Once again I would like to commend our student athletes for keeping up with practices and games while maintaining good academic standing. They represent our school to outlying communities more than any other group. They represent our school well!!! As the old saying goes "It's not whether you win or lose but how you play the game".

5/6 basketball will begin after Junior High playoffs.

Saturday is the last day for Saturday Morning Basketball for students in Kindergarten, First, and Second grades.

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

Field Trips

Grade 6 attended the Down East Institute on Beal's Island. During this visit students were introduced to the hatchery. The hatchery hosts several types of clams, scallops, and baby lobsters. Students fed and worked to identify the lobsters. They also recorded and graphed several types of data.

Supporting Our Community

Next week JMG will be kicking off fundraising activities to raise money for the American Heart Association. The "Jump Rope for Hearts" fundraiser will culminate on February 14th with students jumping rope in the gym.

Special Events

Congratulations to our new National Junior Honor Society inductees: Luke Ingalls, Taylor McDonald, Lauren Wood, Elayna VanOmer, and Cassandra Dahl. Welcome to Andrew McGavran who transferred into the RMG National Junior Honor Society from an Honor Society in Texas. In order to be offered the opportunity to apply for membership in RMG NJHS students must maintain a 95 average over the course of three years. Students must also demonstrate outstanding characteristics in citizenship, leadership, service, and character. Current members did an outstanding job hosting the ceremony which was held in the RMG library.

Our PAWS Parent Group for hosted the "Half Way Luncheon" for our staff. The food was amazing, and the teachers and staff enjoyed socializing over a nice hot mid- year meal. This group has recently donated money to RMG to buy new playground equipment, as well as upgrade the teacher's room.

Other Goings on Around RMG

Grade 8 has completed sign up for the specials block which takes place on Friday afternoons. Grade 7 participates in specials in the fall, while grade 8 participates in Health class. Roles are reversed for the second half of the year. Specials include: Culinary Arts with Mrs. Fitzsimmons, Industrial Arts with Mr. Sprague, Art with Mrs. Lee, Technology with Mr. Sadler, Fitness at UMM with Mr. Sinford, and Study Hall with Mrs. Burgess.

The Tooth Fairies (Jennifer Wood and Teresa Alley) have completed another visit to students in grade PreK-5 to check on their teeth and make sure that they develop healthy habits in tooth care.

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/>

Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report

February 2020

NEASC Report

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges have issued their report to MMHS. In the report they recommended that we work towards six goals:

- Create a school improvement/growth plan
- Establish a school-wide Professional Learning Community (PLC)
- Establish a Vision of the Graduate
- Develop a written curriculum in a consistent format for all courses in all departments
- Create and implement a school-wide plan for improved healthcare, mental health, and mindfulness
- Create and implement a maintenance and renovation plan

Goal #1 has been completed. I created a school improvement/growth plan. On January 29th the teachers and staff at Machias Memorial High School voted unanimously to adopt the plan. The plan includes an action plan for each goal (see handout).

Goal #2 has been discussed for some time now. We should be able to organize and structure PLCs before the end of the school year.

In regards to Goal #3, a team will be travelling to a workshop in October to receive training in how to develop a vision of the graduate. The team will come back to MMHS and lead all stakeholders through the process.

Through previous curriculum work, and the work of the AOS 96 Leadership team, MMHS is well on it's way to beginning the work of a written curriculum for all classes (Goal #4).

Goal #5 has not been started, although AOS 96 has been exploring social and emotional health of students.

Goal #6 has not been started yet.

Athletics

The cheering team is competing in the MPA Class D Cheering Competition on Saturday in Augusta. The team placed seventh in the Class D Regionals on January 25.

The boys basketball team has secured the #4 slot in the Class D North tournament. Their first game will be next week. No preliminary game! Please see the handout for the tournament bracket.

Maine Arts Commision Update

Sarah Strickland met with MMHS teachers and staff to explain the grant process and next steps. A survey will be distributed to all teachers, students, parents, administrators, and community members. The survey data will inform the a plan of action for our partnership with the Commission.

School Threats and Security

The recent threats to our schools have given us the opportunity to implement our lockdown procedures. In both instances the procedure has gone extremely well. Students respond appropriately and safely. Our communication with parents has been through School Messenger and Facebook. Administrators have worked well together to efficiently and effectively implement lockdowns and debrief after the events to improve them.

Machias Memorial High School Quarter 2 Honor Roll**High Honors**

Marc Michaud, Senior
 Grace Preston, Senior
 Brianna Peck, Junior
 Angle Scribner, Sophomore

Honors**Seniors**

Blake Barabe
 Rebecca Burgess
 Kennedy Cates
 Sagelynn Downes
 Breckin Gooch
 McKenna Harriman
 Abigail Hooper
 Austin Look
 Destiny Look
 Megan Preston
 Jacob Sinford
 Nevaeh Skinner

Juniors

Katelynn Holland
 Hunter Rolfe
 Leif McKenna
 Jason Weaver

Sophomores

Ozzie Blyther
 Isaiah Boynton
 Dakota Brown
 Brandyn Holland
 Ryse Moholland
 Damien Noke
 Sebastian Peabody

Freshmen

Maggie Allen
 Jacey Barabe
 Jaida Case
 Shane Feeney
 Emily Fletcher
 Kolby Henderson
 Kristen Holland
 Sky Weaver