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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM**

Attendance: Terry Sanborn, Teresa Saddler, Gerard NeCastro, Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely.

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

I. Call to order at 4:30 p.m. by Terry Sanborn.

II. Approval of the minutes of February 8, 2017.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Principals' Reports:

RMG: Enclosed.
MMHS: Enclosed.

V. New Business:

1. Makeup Days:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee there is a total of 7 make up days. The Superintendent discussed several options Administrators are looking at to cover the seven days including changing the March 16 and 17 teacher workshop days to student days. The teacher workshops will be made up later in the school year.

Motion by Gerard NeCastro to approve changing the March 16 and 17 teacher workshop days to student days.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 5-0.

2. Public Hearing on Governor's Budget:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he testified against the Governor's Budget at an Appropriations Committee hearing in Augusta on March 3, 2017. The Governor's proposed budget cuts approximately 10 million in General Purpose Aid to schools compared to the current year.

3. Meeting with Washington County Delegation:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Washington County Superintendents are trying to schedule a meeting with members of the Washington County Delegation to discuss upcoming education bills.

4. Student Transfer Bill:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he will be traveling to Augusta on March 2, 2017 to testify against LD 48: An Act to Provide for Fairness in the Transfer of Students. This bill would allow Superintendent Agreements with private schools.

5. Legislative Update:

The Superintendent reported that Representative Will Tuell has submitted several education bills. The bills include the following: School Funding, Common Core, In Service Days, Administrator Retirement and two Unorganized Territory Bills.

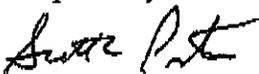
6. 2017/2018 Budget Development Progress:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he has been working closely with the AOS 96 Business Manager to develop a draft 2017/2018 Machias Budget. The draft budget will be available for review at the April School Committee meeting.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. by Richard Shaw.
Second: Gerard NeCastro; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School

Principal's Report March 1, 2017

The Principals Desk

The state assessments will begin on March 20th. We will be preparing for these during our staff collaborations over the next few weeks. Reading, Language Arts, and Math will be administered to students in grades 3-8 during the weeks of March 20-April 14. Writing will be administered May 8 through May 19th. Science will be administered April 24th through May 5th for grades 5 and 8.

What's going on around RMG

Awards – Parents were invited in for mid-year academic awards which were presented to students in grades 1-4 on Friday Feb 10th. Snow days, early releases, and late starts made it necessary for us to resort to hosting grades 5-8 awards in the classrooms.

Day 100 – RMG students celebrated day 100 yesterday.

Edge – Grade 5 is attending Edge Leadership Camp where they will work on honing their teamwork skills.

Sports – On February 17th we hosted the Junior High Basketball Playoff game. Our grade 7/8 basketball season has ended with our boys' team coming in as runners up for the Down East Junior High School Basketball League. We have begun our grade 5/6 Cheering, and basketball practices. Mr. Sinford will be coaching the boys, Mrs. Kilton the girls, and Mrs. Reece the cheerleaders. Our first games are Monday and Tuesday. Thirty-Eight 5th and 6th graders have signed up. Our Pee Wee league continues to meet on Saturday mornings.

Music – Our grade 8 Chorus has been invited to sing and throw out the first pitch at a Sea Dogs Game on May 5th. We held an assembly of 4th-8th graders and drew the name of the lucky winner, Lucy Kilton, out of a hat. RMG students will be participating in a first ever Allstate Chorus on May 19th at UMO. Students must be exemplary singers and will join nominated students from all over the state for a 3:00 pm concert that is free to the public. Students attending will be Joel Vane, Chloe Kilton, Emma Worcester, Ayla Bladen and Eliza Albee.

Tooth Fairies – The tooth Fairies visited the school to do dental checkups on Feb 15th and 16th.

JMG - received donors choose funding to purchase a design and cutting program. Students are learning the programming, and created the logos for the boys' and girls' basketball warm ups. They will be using this program to raise money for various causes. JMG raffled off a student designed bleacher seat. The money was used to support the 8th grade class. JMG sponsored "Jump Rope for Hearts" on the Friday before break. Students in each grade was educated in heart health and then jumped for 15 minutes. JMG students took pledges to donate to the American Heart Association.



Machias Memorial High School
Principal's Report
March 2017

2017 Class D North Champions



Machias Memorial High School Basketball

Congratulations to the coaches and players of the 2016-2017 basketball team for winning the Class D North Championship. Several players were named to the All-Tourney Team, Downeast Athletic Conference All-Star Team, and the Penobscot Valley Conference All-Star and All-Academic Team.

The team will play this Saturday at 2:45 pm in the Cross Center for the Class D State Championship. Their opponent will be Greenville High School. The cheerleaders and Pep Band will be traveling up to support our team. In addition, many local businesses have shown their support for the team. Camden National Bank has purchased tickets for all students and Machias Savings Bank will be providing a Cyr Bus for traveling, and Bar Harbor Bank & Trust will be contributing as well.

This team has united the community in a positive way. Throughout the week I have had many phone calls and people stopping me in town to congratulate me and offer their support. Parent support has been incredible.

There will be a pep rally for the team Friday afternoon at 1:45 pm in the gym. There will also be a reception for the team on Saturday night at 8:00 pm in the gym. The community has been invited to both events.

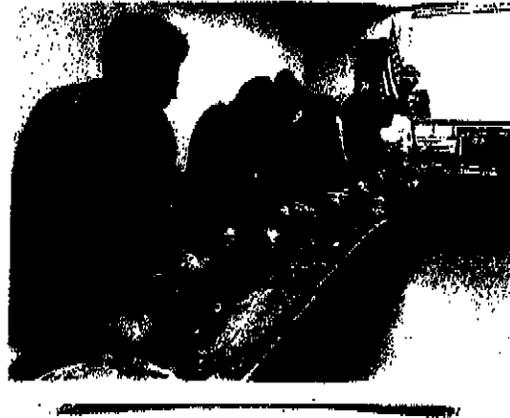
Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS)

On February 15 all students participated in the MIYHS survey. The survey is given to students across Maine and asks them questions about their choices and personal habits. The survey is anonymous and gives us information about our school, region, and state. The school uses the data to inform school improvement programming.

CTE Students Earn Certification

This week Cindy Rossi provided CPR, AED, and Basic First Aid training to our culinary arts students. Earning their certifications were Stephen Fletcher, Ellie Burns, Nick Mallar, Santana Perry, Nakia Albee, Ava Dray, and Mrs. Fitzsimmons.

Thank you to Cindy Rossi for providing this important training and opportunity to our CTE students. These types of certifications make our students more valuable to employers.

**Response to Intervention**

Mr. Roy and Mrs. Hampson have been providing academic interventions, over the past two months, to students identified as being below grade average in mathematics and reading. The students were assessed this week and all the students showed gains in both areas. Some students demonstrated significant gains of two levels (low, low average, average, high average, and high). Mr. Roy and Mrs. Hampson plan to continue this work to benefit more students.

Spring Sports Season

Soon the snow will be gone and the softball and baseball teams will be out on the fields. Coach Emily Fitzsimmons and Coach Ty Richards will continue to coach our teams. Participation also looks good with 17 signed up for softball and 13 signed up for baseball.