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**Minutes**  
**Machias School Committee**  
**Wednesday, April 3, 2019**  
**Superintendent's Office**  
**4:30 PM**

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

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

**I.** Call to order at 4:35 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

**II.** **Approval of the minutes of March 25, 2019.**

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of March 25, 2019.  
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 4-0.

**III.** **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

**IV.** **Principal's Report:**

RMG: Enclosed.  
MMHS: Enclosed.

**V.** **New Business:**

**1. Draft 2019/2020 School Budget:**

The Superintendent distributed copies of the draft 2019/2020 school budget to the School Committee. The Superintendent reviewed the budget with the School Committee.

**2. Draft 2019/2020 School Calendar:**

The Superintendent distributed copies of the draft 2019/2020 school calendar to the School Committee. After reviewing the calendar with the Superintendent the School Committee accepted the calendar.

**3. CTE Update:**

The Superintendent updated the School Committee regarding the FEDES grant that will fund the four new programs at a site in Columbia.

**4. Legislative Update:**

The Superintendent briefed the School Committee on a variety of bills that ranged from teacher retirement costs to education policy.

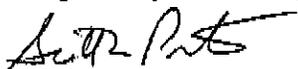
**5. Executive Session: Contract Negotiations: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D):**

Executive Session was not necessary

**VI. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.  
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

**RMG Principal's Report**  
**April 3, 2019**  
**Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School**

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

#### **State Assessment**

The Maine Educational Assessments in Mathematics and English Language Arts are currently being administered to students in grades 3-8. The testing window runs from March 18 - April 12. I continue to be proud of the hard work that our students are putting into the MEA. The Science assessment will be administered to students in grades 5 and 8 from April 22-May 3.

Porter Memorial Library is partnering with Wireless Partners LLC to pilot a program which provides low income families with free internet access. They would like to include the Machias School System in this partnership. RMG and MMHS would be responsible for identifying students in grades 7-12 who may not be able to afford internet access, ensuring that the DownEast LLC and Machias School releases are signed, as well as distributing the devices.

The NYU Dental Clinic will take place from April 8-13 this year.

### **Sports**

Students who attend RMG in grades K-8 have an opportunity to participate in the basketball sports season either as players or cheerleaders. The season kicks off with the 7/8 basketball season followed by Saturday morning basketball for Kindergarten, first, and second graders. This is followed closely by a combined season for grades 3/4, as well as grades 5/6 teams. It is a long season and unfortunately it is quickly coming to a close with the play-off games for 5/6 teams taking place this week, and the 3/4 season culminating in a tournament the following weekend. We are already talking baseball and softball. We would like to submit Jordan Schencks for softball coach, and Scott Reynolds for baseball coach.

### **Special Events**

#### **Destination Imagination**

RMG hosted six Destination Imagination Teams this year.

- \*Rising Stars coached by Mrs. Burgess
- \*Shooting Stars coached by Mrs. Bridges
- \*Mystery Solvers coached by Mrs. Whitney
- \*Waffle Pusheens coached by Ms. Brown
- \*Power of 7 coached by Mrs. Kilton
- \*Blue Brigade coached by Mrs. Dolley

All teams did an excellent job performing for Rose M. Gaffney as part of the local Exhibition on March 21st and March 22nd. The teams then went on to compete at the State Tournament on Saturday, March 23rd, at Bangor High School. The teams represented themselves and Rose M. Gaffney Elementary extremely well at the state event.

- \*Ms., Brown's "The Waffle Pusheens" earned a 3rd place finish for the Escape Artist Challenge in the Elementary Level.
- \*Mrs. Whitney's "The Mystery Solvers" earned a 2nd place finish for the Medical Mystery Challenge in the Elementary Level.
- \*Mrs. Dolley's "The Blue Brigade" took home 1st place for the Medical Mystery Challenge in the Middle Level.

Mr. Fitzsimmons and our coaches did an outstanding job organizing and overseeing the progress of our teams.

### Robotics

Robotics gives students an opportunity to explore real world problems and design creative ways to solve them. Along the journey, they need to troubleshoot design and coding obstacles as well as figure out how to compromise and collaborate with teammates. The culminating event, presenting at the EXPO, provides a great opportunity to practice public speaking skills. Students gain confidence and walk away from the EXPO feeling proud and excited.

The 4-H Robotics and Engineering Expo took place on Saturday, March 23rd at the University of Maine at Machias. The 6th-8th grade after school Robotics and Engineering Club meets two times per week. Five teams represented RMG this year:

\*After Life - Three 8th grade students created a Lego drone tank to seek out a target and shoot spring-loaded projectiles. It's mission: To save lives of enlisted military personnel.

\*C2H4 - Two 7th grade students created a robotic arm to help those who need prosthetics.

\*Taco Trio- Three 6th grade students created search and rescue bots. One looked like a dog that searched for a white bone, it said "good job" and did a dance upon finding the bone. The second team robot searched for a black rock and stopped at the rock once it found it. The team 3D printed the rock and bone.

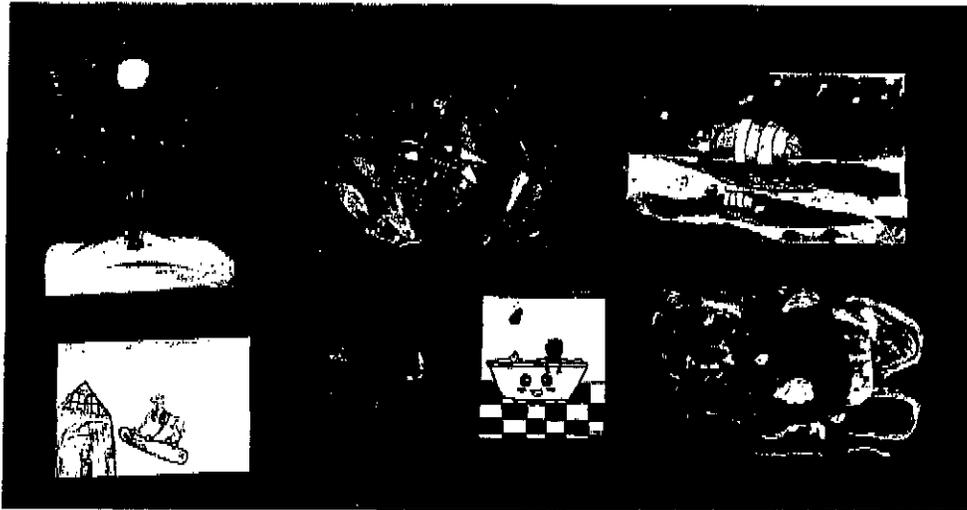
\*Under Tale - Two 6th grade students created a therapy drawing bot. A marker was attached and drew various shapes.

\*Phoenix - Two 6th grade students created a Lego bot that plowed up Legos as it randomly searched.

Congratulations to all teams. They represented RMG well!! Thank you to Mrs. Maker and Mr. Luring for hosting the Robotics club, and preparing our students for the Expo.

### Youth Art Month

Rose M. Gaffney was invited to participate in the Eastport Arts Center (EAC) "Youth Art Month" Show. This youth art exhibit includes students from Washington County. Schools are very limited on the number of artworks they can submit. Seven students represent RMG in the show this year. There is an opening reception at the Eastport Arts Center on Washington Street in Eastport on Saturday, March 30, from 2-4pm. The exhibit will be displayed until May 5 and may be viewed when the EAC is open. Congratulations to our student artists!! Thank you to Mrs. Lee for preparing our students for wonderful opportunity. The artwork representing RMG is below.



### Read Across America Celebration

We celebrated "Read Across America Day". This is a nationwide celebration that is held annually around the birthday of Dr. Seuss (March 2nd). Our entire school met in the gym to "drop everything and read". Luckily we were able to read for a while before, in spite of the "Cat in The Hat's" (Mr. Fitzsimmons) best efforts, we were interrupted by "Thing One" (Mrs. Rhodes) and "Thing Two" (Ms. Day). Prior to being treated to ice cream, Ms. O'Neal and Ms. Day gave us information about this year's "Bikes for Books" reading campaign. Thank you to Ms. O'Neal and the literacy team for organizing this event.

Harwood Lodge #91 for sponsoring Bikes for Books again this year. This program is for students in grades PreK-6. Students will receive an entry for every 3 books that they read. The names of one boy and one girl will be drawn from each classroom to receive a bicycle and helmet donated by Harwood Lodge #91, Machias. The more books that students read, the more opportunity they will have to win. We here at RMG are extremely lucky to have the support of our community members!!

GO BULLDOGS!!!!

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

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



## Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report

April 2019

### Affirmative Action Training

On March 13th I attended an Affirmative Action Training session hosted by the law firm Drummond & Woodsum. The session covered related laws and requirements. It also included several role play scenarios that helped participants apply their knowledge in a variety of ways. The training was valuable and well worth the time away from school.

### Maine Commissioner of Education Visit

I was very encouraged by Commissioner Pender Makin's visit. Her message of working with schools and willingness to listen was refreshing. Being a former educator and administrator, Commissioner Makin understands the issues and concerns facing education.

### Eastport Art Show

Several of our students have entered their artwork into the Eastport Art Show. The following student work is presented in the photo to the right : Sammie Cox, anatomy drawing, Sadie Phillips, Sleeping Girl, Kennedy Cates, Sunflowers and Swirls, Cheyenne Gandy, Lone Sunflower, Ryse Molholland, Lobster Boat, and Marc Michaud, Birds Aren't Real. Congratulations to all the artists!



### Attendance Incentive

Mrs. Jaques' HomeBase won the group attendance incentive for Quarter 3. The group earned the most points during the 20 day incentive period. The group was treated to lunch at Pat's Pizza.



### Workshop: Trauma Sensitive Schools

Dr. Cassie Yackley presented a workshop on using the Trauma-Responsive Framework. The workshop was valuable in that it raised the awareness of our teachers and staff to the effects of trauma and how it manifests itself in student behaviors.

Many of our students have issues that are related to trauma. It is my hope that our teachers and staff will look at some of our students through the lens of possible trauma, and treat each student with compassion and dignity.