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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, April 4, 2018
Superintendent's Office
4:30 PM**

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Joleen Nicely, Amanda Little.

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

I. Call to order at 4:30 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. **Approval of the minutes of March 7, 2018.**

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of March 7, 2018.
Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

V. **New Business:**

1. School Safety Update:

The Superintendent informed the Committee that Greg Mitchell (owner of Citizen Protection Group) conducted a school safety workshop for all AOS 96 staff members on March 16, 2018.

2. School Marketing Committee Update:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the School Marketing Committee continues to work on plans to better promote Machias schools.

3. Gym Roof:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he has received quotes for several different options to replace the gym roof. The School

Committee directed the Superintendent to contact an architect to write bid specifications.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to direct the Superintendent to contact an architect to write the bid specifications for the Machias Memorial High School gymnasium roof.

Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-0.

4. 2018/2019 Position Openings:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that three teachers at the Rose M. Gaffney School submitted their letters of resignation effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. The three open teaching positions will be prek, grade 4 and a Special Education Teacher.

5. Principal Nomination:

The Superintendent nominated Brian Leavitt as the Machias Memorial High School Principal for a 2 year contract expiring in 2020.

Motion by Joleen Nicely accept the Superintendent's nomination of Brian Leavitt as the Machias Memorial High School Principal for a 2 year contract expiring in 2020.

Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

The Superintendent nominated Joyce Fragale as the Rose M. Gaffney Principal for a 2 year contract expiring in 2020.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to accept the Superintendent's nomination of Joyce Fragale as the Rose M. Gaffney Principal for a 2 year contract expiring in 2020.

Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

6. Teacher Nominations:

The Superintendent nominated Ty Richards as an Alternative Education teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Ty Richards as an Alternative Education teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year.

Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 3-0.

The Superintendent nominated Gwen Corrigan as a part time English/Language Arts teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Gwen Corrigan as a part time English/Language Arts teacher at Machias Memorial High School for the remainder of the 2017/2018 school year.
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 3-0.

7. Draft 2018/2019 Budget:

The Superintendent distributed copies of the proposed 2018/2019 school Budget. The Superintendent reviewed the proposed budget with the School Committee.

8. Budget Committee Meeting Date:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Machias Budget Committee meeting is set for Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at the Machias Town Office.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.
Second: Amanda Little; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Principal's Report
April 4, 2018

The Principal's Desk

*Standards Based Education Update: RMG will be working with MMHS to implement a school wide pilot of "Unified Classroom" which is a standards tracking system. We have also begun the foundational work of developing Standard Operating Procedures. We are beginning with those procedures that are considered "school wide".

*We are nearing the end of the administration of the Empower State Assessment. I am proud of the effort that our students are putting into the state assessment

*Grade 5/6 Teachers are participating in a study of sea weeds through a grant sponsored by the National Science Foundation through Ebscor at the University of Maine. As part of this grant teachers were provided with a curriculum. Students will also be visiting UMM for classes, and will also be monitoring the process of harvesting sea weed off of the coastline.

*Safety - We recently had training from Greg Mitchell pertaining to school safety. We are considering options and implementing new safety measures based on updated information from this training to ensure the safety of our students.

What's Going on Around RMG?**Sports**

*Our 5/6 basketball teams participated in the Cameron Roberts Tournament in March. They are currently in play offs. Our grades 3/4 Pee Wee teams continue to practice. We are looking forward to Baseball and Softball season. Scotty Reynolds will be our baseball coach, and Jordan Schencks will be our softball coach.

Music

*RMG and MMHS recognized Galen Cole Foundation for their gift of 25 instruments during a combined assembly. Mark's music provided the instruments at cost. Farrow McKenna gave an outstanding speech. The Machias School Band, whose members range from grades 5-12, hosted a concert. They sound fabulous.

Destination Imagination

Our Destination Imagination Teams represented us well at the state competition in Bangor. The Blackbirds, coached by Mrs. Dolley, did an outstanding job presenting their challenge. The Super Spectacular Six, coached by Mrs. Kilton, won 1st place in their challenge. The Flareons, coached by Ms. Brown, won third place in their challenge.

Robotics

Four Robotics teams, 11 RMG students, participated in the Robotics Expo hosted by UMM. They ALL did an outstanding job! Our students earned 5 trophies. A special thank you to coach Colleen Maker who was assisted by Nick Luuring.

Deja Vu - Sam Hughes, Pepper Beal, & Jakob Haynes -
Did a fabulous job!

Project Flamingo - Daniel Atkinson & John Shankland -
1st Place Rookie All-Star Trophy

The A Team - Clio Hines, Ayla Bladen, Aurelia Spencer -
2nd Place Best Presentation & Public Speaking Trophy
2nd Place Best Robot Design Trophy

The Kings of Nothing - Rowen Luuring, Izzy Lamb, & Alex Keene
1st Place Best Presentation & Public Speaking Trophy
1st Place Best Robot Design Trophy

JMG

JMG sponsored Jump rope for Hearts and raised \$900 dollars for the American Heart Society.

Enrichment

Grades PreK-7 enjoyed a performance by the Frog Mountain Puppeteers.

PAWS

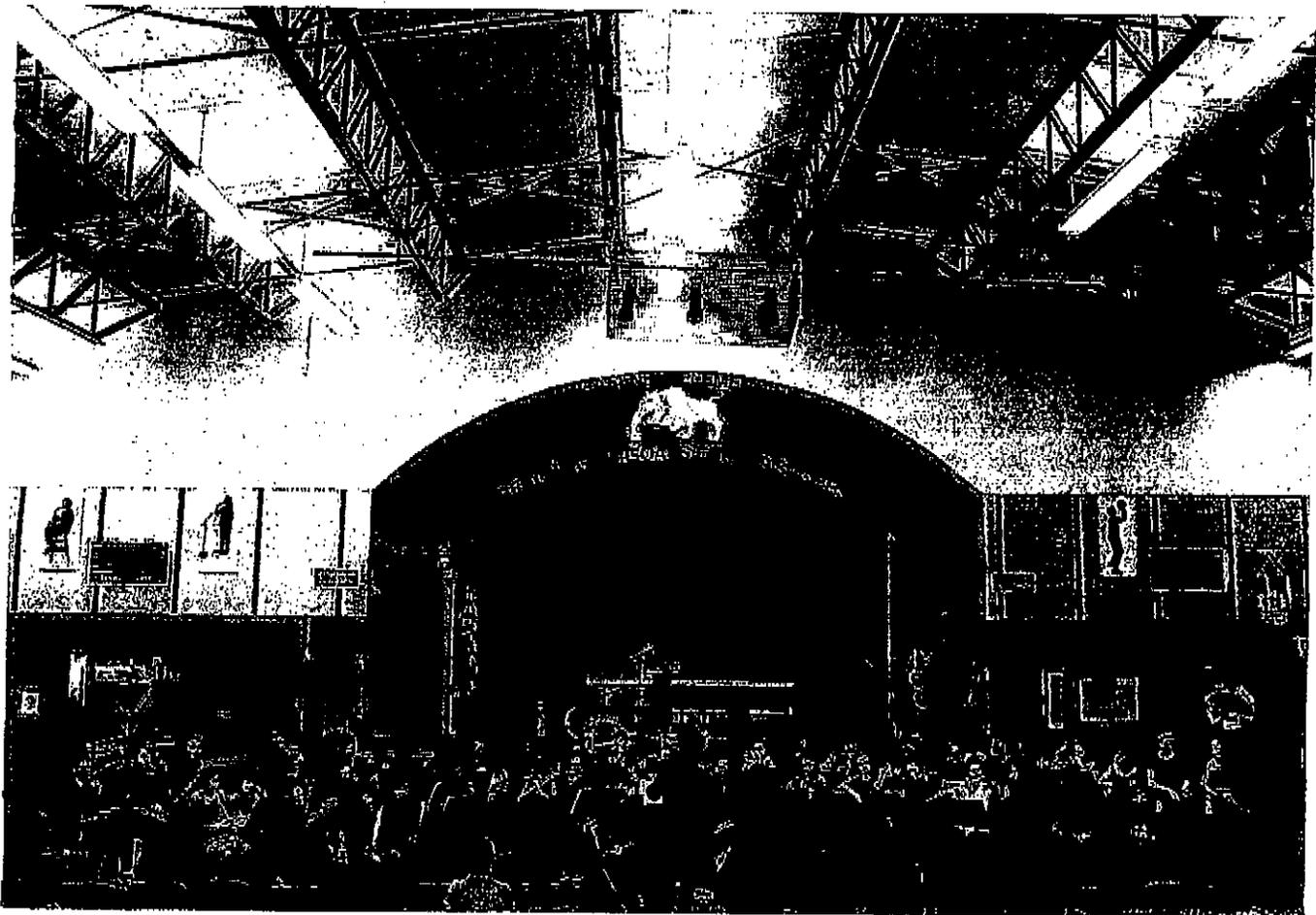
Bangor Neon has provided us with a quote for the school sign. We will be comparing quotes and making a decision soon. PAWS sponsored a spirit week for our students. Each day had a new theme: PJ Day, Trolls Crazy Hair Day, School Spirit Day, and When I Grow Up Day.

Community

*Bikes for Books sponsored by Harwood Lodge #91 has been extended until the end of April. When students in grades PreK-6 read 3 books each will get a slip from their teacher to add to the classroom drawing box. One boy and one girl's name will be drawn from each classroom to receive a new bicycle and helmet donated by Harwood #91 Masonic Lodge in Machias. We appreciate the support of the members of the Lodge in encouraging our students to read.

*Grades 3-6 will be attending the Machias Savings Bank Sponsored Career Fair on Friday. We are fortunate to have outstanding community partners.

*The NYU Dental Clinic will take place from April 9-13 this year.



Rose M. Gaffney Elementary School End of the Year Events
as of March 4th

April 9-14	NYU Dental Clinic
April 16-20	Spring Vacation
April 26	Solo and Ensemble 6:00
April 27/28	JMG 8 to Portland
April 28	Music Festival
April 30	Planetarium for Grades Prek-4
April 30	Bikes for Books Ends (extended from March 30 th)
May 3	5-8 Chorus/5-12 Band Spring Concert 5:30
May 4	Select Chorus Sings at UMM Special Olympics Opening Ceremony 9:00 a.m.
May 7	PAWS spring Book Fair Set Up 6:00
May 8,9,10	PAWS Spring Book Fair
May 8,9	Grade 6 Mrs. Douglas Homeroom to Edge Leadership
May 10,11	Grade 6 Mrs. Maker's Homeroom to Edge Leadership
May 11	Bangor Symphony @ RMG
May 15	JMG Sponsored Talent Show 6:00
May 17	Grade 5 to Gulf of Maine Research Institute
May 18	Allstate (Grade 5 Select Students)
May 18	JMG Box Out for Homeless 5:00 p.m. until Saturday morning
May 18	PAWS Auction Set Up 6:00 p.m.
May 19	Curriculum Fair 11:30 Dismissal/PAWS Annual Auction 9:00-1:00
May 21	MMHS Step Up Day
May 22	Grade 4 to Augusta
May 25	Monmouth Theatre at RMG for Grades Prek - 8
May 27	MMHS Baccalaureate
May 28	Memorial Day Parade
May 30	Drama Club Play
June 3	MMHS Graduation
June 5	JMG Closing Ceremony 6:00
June 7	11:30 Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences/Specials Scheduling
June 8	11:30 Dismissal/8 th Grade Class Trip/Parent Teacher Conf/Specials Scheduling
June 11	Prek-2 & Grades 3/4 Spring Concert
June 14	Flag Day
June 14	Grade 7 to Roque Bluffs
June 14	8 th grade graduation 6:00
June 18	End of Year Awards Day/Night
June 19/20	CDS Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Screening
June 10	Last Day of School 11:30 Dismissal

Machias Memorial High School
Principal's Report
April 2018

CLOSE UP Washington

Mrs. Albee and Miss Albee escorted seven Machias Memorial High School students to Washington D. C. as part of CLOSE UP Washington 2018. This annual trip provides students an experience to visit the capital city and special access to Congress. Our group visited with Representative Bruce Poliquin and House Speaker Ryan. This is a special experience for our students and the school is fortunate to be able to provide this for our students.



MMHS Drama Performance

This year's performance, "Death Cheated" was one my favorite performances. The setting took place in an insane asylum and featured death coming to take away one of the inmates. The usual hijinks and misunderstandings made for an enjoyable night. The performers included Genny Colon, Farrow McKenna, Cam Leavitt, Maddi Conlin, Sammie Cox, Emily Mattox, and Kassie Cox. Mrs. Leavitt was the Drama Director.



JMG Career & Development Conference

Ms. Mack and the JMG students participated in the Career & Development Conference held at Thomas College this past week. The students brought home two trophies for their efforts. Regional JMG Manager Ed Leeman informed me that our students represented our school extremely well. Congratulations to Ms. Mack and her students on a job well done!



Spring Sports

The Spring season began on March 19 with pitchers and catchers reporting for practice. The rest of the players started on March 26. The softball team is coached by Ms. Britney White and Ms. Caitlyn Maker. The baseball team is coached by Sam Whitney. Numbers are good for both teams.

Snow Day Make Up Dates

The total number of missed days to be made up is eight. Three days were built into the calendar leaving five days to make up. Machias Memorial High School made up one of the days on Saturday, March 24. The remaining four days will be April 14, May 19, June 18, and June 19 (the last day of school).

Career & Technical Education Student of the Year

Congratulations to Nicholas Mallar on receiving the Career & Technical Education Student of the Year Award for Coastal Washington County CIT. Nick will be honored at a banquet along with 25 other students from Maine. Nick is an excellent representative for Coastal Washington CIT and has all the qualities and characteristics of a person ready for the work force. Great job Nick!

**Testing**

The Science MEA Exam and the SAT exam will be administered in April. Students will travel down to the Machias Savings Bank Community Room to take their exams during the school day. These exams are required by the Maine DOE and are used for school accountability.

Science Class Designs and Manufactures Laboratory Tools

Mr. Lenke's science classes have designed and manufactured conductivity meters to aide them in their scientific investigations. The 3D printer was employed to make the casing and the electronic components ordered and installed by students.

**Unified Classroom**

The Machias administrators and Mr. Look have been exploring different software applications to help us track student progress within a standards based education system. Unified Classroom is a suite of applications developed by PowerSchool that includes a Student Information System (SIS), Learning Management System (LMS), allows for the creation of assessments, and grading. Currently, Machias Schools use PowerSchool SIS and grading software. Using a program that has all of the tools within one suite of applications, that teachers and administrators are familiar with, makes sense. Before making a final decision we will participate in some webinars and demos.