

AOS 96
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Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
Superintendent's Office
4:00 PM

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Joleen Nicely, Carolyn Nadeau.

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

I. Call to order at 3:55 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. **Approval of the minutes of July 29, 2019.**

Motion by Joleen Nicely to approve the minutes of July 29, 2019.
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Principal's Report:**

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

V. **New Business:**

1. Opening AOS 96 Staff Workshop:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the opening AOS 96 workshop was held at the Rose M. Gaffney School gymnasium on August 28, 2019. The workshop focused on required state trainings which included mandated reporter requirements and professional development customized for all staff members in the afternoon.

2. 2019/2020 Professional Development:

The Superintendent reported that 2019/2020 professional development will focus on continued work on the AOS 96 curriculum including performance scales and assessments. He also indicated there would be a focus on childhood trauma interventions.

3. 2018/2019 Budget Contingency Transfer:

The Superintendent explained to the School Committee that the 2018/2019 budget for the CTE program was over expended due to having more students than anticipated in our CTE programs which increased materials and supply costs.

Motion by Joleen Nicely to transfer \$26,706.32 from the 2018/2019 budget from the following budget areas: \$10,000.00 (Contingency), \$15,000.00 (Instruction) and \$1,706.32 (Culinary Arts Checking Account).

Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

4. New Laws Workshop:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he would be attending a Drummond/Woodsum workshop regarding new law changes on September 13, 2019 in Augusta.

5. Maine School Superintendents Association:

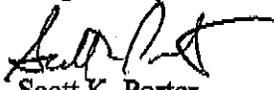
The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he is currently the President of MSSA which will require additional association duties.

VI. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:23 p.m. by Joleen Nicely.

Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

AOS 96

Machias Bay Area School System

RMG Principal's Report September 4, 2019

Summer Activity

*Edge Summer Camp ran for 4 weeks this year. 80 students attended. The first day of Edge will be Monday, September 30th.

*Summer School also ran for 4 weeks. We served 35 at risk students in grades K-8.

*The custodians did a wonderful job getting the school ready for the new school year.

Back to School Family Day

We hosted our Annual RMG Family Back to School Day on Tuesday August 27th. The day began with our initial faculty meeting, followed by our annual Open House, Back to School BBQ, and culminates with our Curriculum Night.

During the open house portion of our day (3:00 – 4:00) families had an opportunity to visit their new classrooms, and meet their teachers. We then hosted a BBQ in the gym (4:00-5:00). This is a time that parents have an opportunity to socialize with the faculty and staff on a more informal basis. We end the day with the Curriculum Evening for parents from 5:00-6:00. Parents had an opportunity to visit the classrooms to hear an overview of the curriculum and classroom expectations, as well as other pertinent information while students were treated to a performance by "Frog Mountain Puppeteers".

*We have informational "booths" in the gym during the open house and the BBQ (3:00-6:00).

Booths

Title 1 – Mrs. Stoddard

Music – Mrs. Baker

Athletics/Sports/Physical Education – Mr. Sinford

Technology – Mr. Sadler

Busing – Mr. Smith

School Nurse – Mrs. Martin

Food Services – Ms. Thompson, and Mrs. Moholland

EDGE – Mrs. Suzie James

PAWS – Mrs. Nadine Preston

First Day

On our first day of school the Bulldog and I greeted students at the front door. Our current enrollment is 347.

New Additions

We have some new additions to the RMG family this year, as well as some individuals who took on new roles.

Welcome New Staff

Heldi Roessellet – Grade 6 Science and Language Arts

Damon Weston – Grade 7/8 Math

Mitchell Worcester – Boy's Health and Physical Education

Ava Dray – Pre-Kindergarten Aide

Dayanara Vasquez – Educational Technician

Emma Parker – Educational Technician

Mindy Henderson - Educational Technician
Sandy Copel-Parsons - JMG
Staff in New Positions
Ellie Burgess - Librarian
Chrissy Wood - Educational Technician
Sally Herger - General Educational Technician

Thank you's

We have a lot of people to thank this year.

Thank you to:

Mrs. Douglas, Ruth's Reusable Resources and Hammond Lumber (Brent Hartford and Donnie Joy) for our new Backpacks and supplies

Porter Memorial Library, and Trailrunner Wireless for providing students with Wi-Fi

Dan and Karen Cashman of Dirigo reads for providing our 1st graders with a book a month to add to their personal libraries.

Fall Sports

Fall sports coaches are: Mrs. Stephanie Heller for Volleyball, Mrs. Janis Whitney and Mrs. Kelly Kilton for Cross Country, and Mr. David Whitney for Soccer.

School Safety

Mr. Leavitt, myself, and the safety team met with Greg Mitchell recently. He is impressed with the development of the team, as well as the fact that the team meets regularly. He feels that we are headed in the right direction with our procedures. He made some suggestions surrounding the latest thinking pertaining to school safety. It was a very valuable session, and the team would like to have him do some professional development with the staff.

Communication

We will continue to communicate with parents in several ways this year. Our digital calendar continues to be available at: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>. Parents will also continue to receive a weekly Principal's Message through email on Fridays. Our RMG Facebook page is updated regularly. We will continue to use School Messenger to keep parents updated on early releases as well as reminders and other important information. Our RMG website managed by Cindy Rossignol hosts extensive information about our school including homework pages for students in grades 4-8. Powerschool access is also available to parents of students in grades 4-8.

Focus For 19/20

Goals for RMG this year include: continued work toward proficiency based education, continued review and revision of our crisis protocols, and continued increase in the use of technology to aid in efficiency of learning as well as daily operations.

Machias Memorial High School

Principal's Report

September 2019

Enrollment

This year's enrollment is up. Currently we have 39 freshmen, 32 sophomores, 24 juniors, and 46 seniors for a total of 141. Boys 85 and girls 56. The total number of tuition students enrolled is 87.

Areas of Focus for 2019 - 2020**NEASC Review**

In November we will host a NEASC review. NEASC is the group that accredits high schools. There is still much to accomplish before the group arrives on November 20. Teachers and staff will focus much of their professional time and effort this fall to prepare for this visit.

School Safety

A safety committee has been formed and will meet regularly to address concerns at the high school. In addition to updating the safety plan the committee will be seeking out resources for on site mental health services. A social worker is greatly needed at every school to help students, teachers, and staff deal with the stressors of life.

Mindfulness

A group is forming to explore how mindfulness practices can be used in our school. The group is considering using techniques such as breathing, meditation, and exercise as a way to reduce stress and anxiety in students. At this point we are not considering school wide implementation, but offering different options during Bulldog Block.

Athletics

Participation in athletics has increased. Coach Ty Richards has 13 student athletes playing soccer. Coach Jodi Wood has 13 playing volleyball, Coach Cindy Rossi has 20 students running cross country, and Coach Tony Roy has 2 playing golf. I'm looking forward to a great fall season.

Volunteer Greeter

I am currently looking for a community volunteer to greet students at the beginning of the school day. The volunteer would be at the school between 7:00 am and 8:00 am. The volunteer will be responsible for welcoming students into the building, developing positive relationships, and assisting with safety procedures. Volunteers must pass a background and fingerprint check.