

B. Willard School

Ms. Fernandes recognized the specialist subject teachers, Charlyn Bethel, Matt MacDougall, Kristin Saunders, Robin Cicchetti, and Genoveva Mathues for sharing their special curriculum ideas at Curriculum Night.

C. Alcott School

Ms. Young recognized Nurse Ann McCormack in her efforts dealing with the pediculosis issue. She was arriving at school for 7 a.m. every day.

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ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve MOTION regarding Time on Learning at the elementary level

A MOTION was made by Mr. Sinnott and seconded by Ms. McGinn to request administration to develop a plan ensuring elementary compliance of state mandated minimum of 900 hours for time on learning. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

B. Vote to contract with Ropes & Gray for legal support during negotiations

A MOTION was made by Ms. Bilodeau and seconded by Ms. McGinn to contract with Ropes & Gray for representation of the School Committee of the Concord Public Schools on the upcoming negotiations with the Concord Teachers' Associations. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

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REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

A. MCAS Presentations by principals

Ms. Rigby presented the schools MCAS results. She celebrated the students high performance on MCAS. The main purpose for studying the MCAS results is to use it for accountability, and as a curriculum review, to align with the state's curriculum frameworks. We also have formative assessments done within the district. Ms. Rigby presented examples of open response questions at the grade 3 level. She presented the report which was distributed. Principals discussed school action plans.

Ms. Bilodeau asked if, at the middle school level, new students are tested, assessed. Mr. Unobskey stated 6th grade students are tested.

Ms. McGinn asked what the goal is. It is not reasonable to expect in 2014, all students will be proficient. We have continuous monitoring of a minority of students with disabilities.

Ms. Bilodeau stated while MCAS has been helpful, is the focus the right direction for our district. Ms. Rigby reiterated the districts use for MCAS tests and we continue to refine curriculum review. Subgroups are small and we can intervene individually. We know there is an achievement gap and we will resolve it student by student.

Ms. Bilodeau asked how much are we leaning toward teaching toward the frameworks. Ms. Rigby stated the curriculum is geared toward content standards at grade levels aligned to frameworks.

Ms. Shannon asked if teachers were on board with the process. Ms. Rigby stated it starts with the teachers. They do analysis and make changes on a daily/weekly basis to make sure the best practices are replicated throughout the three schools.

Mr. Wedge asked about the leak in the heating pipe at Willard. Ms. Fernandes stated fortunately it happened now, and not in January. It involved more piping than originally thought. Work has been completed but it may happen in other parts of the building.

B. FY07 Budget development discussion

Mr. Flaherty stated he has revised the presentation and has an identified need of \$25,612,542. He needs guidance from the committee. What level of over-ride do we want to bring forward? We will bring this forward in December for a vote.

Mr. Sinnott stated he is confident with this as a preliminary number; we can modify it as time goes on.

Ms. Bilodeau asked the date for the full budget presentation. Dr. Finn stated we will bring both forward two weeks from now.

Mr. Flaherty stated the levy limit budget will have to include cuts.

Mr. Flaherty presented a draft of the capital improvement plans. For FY07 there is an identified list of needs for Willard, we need to position ourselves about Willard. How do we ensure if Willard design funds don't pass, we get a roof on if nothing else. Mr. Wedge stated if the design funds fail, and the capital improvements fail, we rely on the town manager's budget.

Mr. Sinnott stated we will more likely be successful in both steps of the Willard effort. He suggested move forward with correct recommendation budget and capital improvement plans separate from Willard plans.

Mr. Wedge stated the capital improvement plan is a safety net. A professional roofing company's recommendation was to replace the roof last year. We have extended past the planned life. Ms. Bilodeau stated Willard has problems other than the roof. There are many other issues, one of which is the roof.

A long discussion ensued regarding the condition of Willard. Ms. Bilodeau asked for a specific list of what needs to be done to maintain Willard if design funds pass. Mr. Flaherty stated we would need \$1.35M as articulated on CPS capital improvement plan FY07.

IX CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Augusta Heyward asked if the district were under performing, would there be specific consequences. Dr. Finn stated it is difficult to show improvement to meet AYP in high performing districts. Ms. Bilodeau stated it is a complicated process.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no other public business, a MOTION was made by Ms. McGinn and seconded by Ms. Bilodeau to adjourn the Concord School Committee meeting at 10:00. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 1/10/06