

Minutes

PRESENT:

Ms. Jan McGinn
Ms. Rebecca Shannon
Mr. Jerry Wedge

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION:

Dr. Brenda Finn, Superintendent
Mr. John Flaherty
Ms. Diana Rigby

ABSENT:

Ms. Betsy Bilodeau
Mr. Peter Fischelis

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Concord School Committee was called to order by Ms. McGinn at 6:54 p.m.

II MINUTES

III CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Michael Moore, Public Health Administrator

Dr. Finn stated Mr. Moore detailed the preliminary steps in establishing the emergency site for pandemic flu. She stated if the schools were looked at as a site, all schools would be closed due to the flu. Mr. Wedge stated he believed they were considering Sanborn. Dr. Finn stated they are making assessments at all the schools and looking at the high school seriously.

B. Letter from MSBA regarding final audit results and grant payment for Alcott Elementary School

This is attached. Ms. McGinn stated the costs which were deemed ineligible were due to invoices explanations.

C. Letter from Principal Rob Colantuono to Gregory Maguire

This was a letter thanking Mr. Maguire for his services.

IV RECOGNITION

A. Alcott

Dr. Finn stated Ms. Young would like to recognize Becky Briston, Rachel Wiesen and students for their support of soldiers in Iraq.

B. Willard

Dr. Finn stated Ms. Fernandes would like to recognize Susan Chafe for coordinating the visit of teacher's college writing project and Robin Cicchetti and Genoveva Matheus for presenting the slide show of student work.

C. CMS

Mr. Unobskey recognized the teachers who chaperoned the overnight trips for 7th and 8th grade students.

V REPORTS AND ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION**A. K5 Librarians**

Karen Pettyjohn of the Thoreau Library discussed library programs today, how they meet the standards, promote higher thinking and work with teachers on curriculum. Sandy Pierce of the Alcott Library discussed the book fairs, donation programs, family reading nights and the Put a Poem in Your Pocket week. Robin Cicchetti of the Willard Library explained the updated library collections and the analysis done on the collections.

B. CPS FY07 Budget Update

Mr. Flaherty detailed the year-to-date expenditures for FY07. He detailed by major program area and stated we are doing very well. Mr. Wedge asked if any areas are vulnerable. Mr. Flaherty stated custodial supplies are low due to outfitting the new schools. Ms. McGinn asked how this compares to other years. Mr. Flaherty stated we are doing very well; the weather has contributed to that. We need to keep track of computer expenditures.

C. Willard Building Committee

Mr. Wedge stated the Willard Building Committee met last week. They have received 12 proposals from design firms. A short list has been determined; there are four who will be interviewed. The four to be interviewed are AI3, who did a terrific proposal, the Office of Michael Rosenfeld who did the feasibility study two years ago and also designed CC Pool. HMFH did work on the high school in the 90's and did the 2nd feasibility study for the high school. The fourth is SMMA, the firm that is the architect for Alcott and Thoreau.

Interviews will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday at the Town House from 4-8 p.m. Site visits will then be made and a final decision will be made by January 31.

VI ACTION ITEMS**A. Gift Acceptance – Donation from Lueders Environmental, Inc.**

A MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Shannon to accept a donation of \$50 from Mr. Michael Lueders of Lueders Environmental, Inc. and publicly thank Mr. Lueders for his donation. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

VII OLD BUSINESS

VIII SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. January 18, 2007: Concord Finance Committee Meeting

This is a notification of a meeting with the Finance Committee. Ms. Shannon stated she cannot attend that meeting.

IX CITIZENS' COMMENTS

X ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no other business, a MOTION was made by Mr. Wedge and seconded by Ms. Shannon to adjourn the meeting of the Concord School Committee at 7:44 p.m. and enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining. The MOTION was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura O'Sullivan

APPROVED: 2/13/07