



EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 12, 2020– 8:00am – Faculty Dining Room
AGENDA

- I. Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2020**
- II. Parent and Community Input**
- III. Public Comment**
- IV. PTA Report-Deanna Laird, PTA President**
- V. Finance Report**
 - A. Expenditure Report
 - B. School Choice Request
- VI. Superintendent's Report**
 - A. All Island School Committee
 - B. Dedication Update & Vote
- VII. Principal's Report**
 - A. Ski Trip Update
 - B. Health & Wellness Committee Update – Nicole Barlett
 - C. 8th Grade Fundraiser – Anne Fligor
 - D. Enrollment Update
 - E. Personnel
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- IX. Schedule Next Meeting(s)**
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EDGARTOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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Those present were; Chairperson Megan Anderson, Member Kimberly Kirk, Matt D'Andrea (Superintendent), Dr. Shelley Einbinder (Principal), Anne Fligor (Asst. Principal), Nicole Barlett (School Nurse), Nedine Cunningham (Gr. 7/8 Social Studies), David Faber (Gr. 7/8 Science), and Darren Belisle (Network Administrator).

I. Approval of minutes of January 14, 2020

The approval of the minutes was tabled due to Ms. Kirk not being in attendance at the last meeting as well as the absence of Ms. McCracken at today's meeting.

II. Parent and Community Input

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. PTA Report

None

V. Finance Report

A. Expenditure Report

Mark Friedman will be replacing Amy Tierney as the School Business Administrator.

Dr. D'Andrea distributed the Expenditure and Fund Balance reports in his absence. He feels that the budget is in good shape at a balance of \$3.8 Million. There are a number of lines that are in the deficit, but he is confident that they can be covered at the end of the year. A request for the use of \$8,000 from the Professional Increments line towards the salary of the Garden Coordinator was made by Dr. D'Andrea.

On a motion by Kimberly Kirk, seconded by Megan Anderson, the committee approved the use of \$8,000 from the Professional Increments line toward the salary of the Garden Coordinator.

B. School Choice Request

Dr. Einbinder reminded the Committee of an unanticipated 45-day student evaluation. Once the invoice is received, approval will be requested to pay from the School Choice fund.

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. All Island School Committee (AISC)

The next AISC meeting has not been scheduled as of this meeting.

B. Dedication Update

David Faber announced that the family of Ed Jerome has confirmed the date of the dedication ceremony for Saturday, May 23 pending approval of the School Committee. The ceremony would be for no more than an hour. Ed's son, Nick, and widow, Maryanne, will speak. It was suggested that someone from the school should also speak. This speech will be coordinated by Anne Fligor.

Dr. D'Andrea suggested that the ceremony be held during the school day so that students and the community could be included. Nedine Cunningham added that the March to the Sea was one of Ed's favorite events and that perhaps they connect it to the dedication.

They are hoping to receive enough private donations, separate from the school, to purchase a granite bench for approximately \$3,000.00, a plaque for \$250.00 to be placed in the school

lobby, and food for a reception after the dedication. Any excess donations beyond these expenses will be donated to the Joseph Jerome Memorial Fund, a fund that was set up in Ed's late sons name that is used by families in need who have to take their children off island for medical reasons.

The Martha's Vineyard Bluefish Derby will be contributing \$1,041.00. This amount is special because it was Ed's derby badge number.

The dedication committee requested that the annual Citizenship Award, created by Ed Jerome and Don Rohr, be renamed the Edward J. Jerome Citizenship Award. This award is voted on by the staff and a \$100 savings bond awarded to the recipient.

The dedication committee expressed that the intention is to have the bench installed to the left of the school entrance near the Principals office.

On a motion by Kimberly Kirk, seconded by Megan Anderson, the committee approved the date of May 23 for the Ed Jerome dedication ceremony (time to be determined), the renaming of the Citizenship Award to the Edward J. Jerome Citizenship Award, and the placement of a bench and plaque (locations to be determined).

VII. Principal's Report

A. Ski Trip Update

The annual 7th Grade ski trip to Gunstock Mountain in New Hampshire was a great success. Although many obstacles made for an eventful return trip, the students were patient and well behaved. The communication between the trip advisors, the school, and the parents was well handled.

B. Health & Wellness Committee Update – Nicole Barlett

School Nurse, Nicole Barlett, spoke about the school's wellness committee. The committee includes the following staff: Nicole Barlett (Nurse), Dr. Einbinder (Principal), Sue Costello (Enrichment Coordinator), Michelle Pikor (Physical Education), Melinda Defeo (Garden Coordinator), Gina deBettencourt (Head Cook), and Sarah Vail (Family Consumer). The parent representatives are Diane Conover, Michelle Oteri, Ninon Garvin, Thayer Whipple, and Anne S.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention describe a model of a healthy school as "Whole school, whole community, whole child" (WSCC). This model is student-centered and emphasizes the role of the community in supporting the school, the connections between health and academic achievement, and the importance of evidenced-based school policies and practices. This model consists of 10 components:

1. Physical education and physical activity.
2. Nutrition environment and services.
3. Health education.
4. Social and emotional school climate.
5. Physical environment.
6. Health services.
7. Counseling, psychological and social services.
8. Employee wellness.
9. Community involvement.
10. Family engagement.

More information on the WSCC model can be found on the following websites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/wsc/index.htm>

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/vhs/index.html>

The goals for this school year include:

- Revision of the policies and procedures in order to be in accordance with the current law, and to reflect what is happening in the school today with a focus on nutrition, physical education, celebration, social/emotional health, school sponsored events, and staff well-ness - a handout was provided outlining these revisions.
- Representation on the PTA.
- Align the School Improvement Plan with recommendations from Med Star as to not duplicate efforts and services.

The Committee meets from 3pm-4pm every other month. The remaining meeting dates are Wednesday, March 25th and Wednesday, May 27th. The minutes and agendas can be found on the school's website: <https://www.edgartownschool.org/page25.html>

C. 8th Grade Fundraiser – Anne Fligor

This is the second year for the indoor sidewalk sale fundraiser. There were seven (7) vendors, each paying \$200. Ms. Fligor suggested that a sign be put up on the West Tisbury Road announcing the event. Even though there was no sign, the vendors did as well if not better than last year. Suggestions for next years' sale include a donation for early bird shoppers, additional changing areas for trying on clothing, and the acceptance of credit cards.

There will be 3 more fundraisers to benefit the 8th grade class trip:

1. All Island 7/8 Dance – Friday, March 6 from 7pm-9:30pm – Admission is free for Edgartown students/\$7 for students from other schools.
2. Brazilian Luncheon – Saturday, March 28 – eat in or take away – tickets will be sold in advance.
3. Graduation ad sales

The annual trip will take place from Tuesday, May 26 through Saturday, May 30.

D. Enrollment Update

The current enrollment is 391. There are 6 students who have withdrawn but are expected to return.

E. Personnel

1. Leave Requests

Four (4) leave requests were received by Dr. Einbinder:

1. Robin Davies (ESP Gr. 3) – from January 13, 2020 through March 9, 2020.
2. Tara Sykes (ESP Library) – from February 24, 2020 through May 25, 2020.
3. Leanna Fisher (Cook's Helper) – from January 6, 2020 until further notice.
4. Ken Debettencourt (Enrichment Math 6-8 / Algebra), who was anticipated to return at the end of February vacation (February 28, 2020), has requested an extension until after Spring Break (April 27, 2020.) Gary Smith continues as the long-term substitute until the February vacation begins.

On a motion by Kimberly Kirk, seconded by Megan Anderson, the committee accepted the leave requests for Ms. Davies, Ms. Sykes, and Ms. Fisher.

VIII. New/Old Business

Dr. Einbinder received the resignation of Zachary Tileston (Instrumental Music) effective June 30, 2020. On a motion by Kimberly Kirk, seconded by Megan Anderson, the committee acknowledged the resignation with gratitude.

The following PTA sponsored events have been postponed:

1. Pizza Bingo = from February 7 to March 20
2. Family Math Night = from March 19 to April 14

IX. Schedule Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:00pm in the school library.

X. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Romero
Secretary to the Committee