

MINUTES

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: 5 West Street, School Committee Room

February 15, 2023 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Absent

Zoom

Jessie Harrington

Gail Holloway

Meghan McCrillis

Brooke Wrenn

Samantha Raphael

Beth Chamberland, Superintendent

Alan Keller, Assistant Superintendent

Cecelia Wirzbicki, Business Manager

Isabella Faber - Student Representative

Gregg Desto - Middle School Principal

Paul Vangos - 18 Newton Street (Student Spotlight - Project 351 Ambassador)

Athena Vangos - 18 Newton Street (Student Spotlight - Project 351)

Libby Dumais - High School French Teacher/Quebec Trip Coordinator/Chaperone

Tyler & Sara Poshkus - 599 Oxford Street S - (Student Spotlight - Quebec)

Karlie Beamenderfer - 6 Stone Street (Student Spotlight - Quebec)

Sarah Dawson - 24 Lesley Ave (Student Spotlight - Quebec)

Kali Kobel - 28 Goddar Drive (Student Spotlight - Quebec)

Chris & Maryann Stannard - 32 Carroll Street (Elks Donation)

Karen & Steve Blais - 210 Rochdale Street (Elks Donation)

Bill Roland - Auburn (Elks Donation)

CALL TO ORDER:

Jessie Harrington called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Meghan McCrillis read out loud the Auburn Public School Vision & Commitment.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:

Dr. Chamberland introduced members of the Auburn Elks, Chris Stannard, Bill Roland, Karen & Steve Blais. The members of the Elks presented Dr. Chamberland and committee with a check for \$5000 that will be used for PSAT testing.

Minutes: 2/1/23

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to accept the minutes from 2/1/23.

Brooke Wrenn made a motion to accept the minutes from 2/1/23. Samantha Raphael seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

Isabella Faber:

- To celebrate the upcoming February vacation, taking place all this week is the Winter Carnival
- The 4 classes are vying for top spot as this years champions by scoring points in all types of activities including:
 - dress up spirit days (todays was jersey day)
 - lunchtime games: cornhole, the cookie challenge, and the pie eating contest (today)
 - and other competitions: volleyball tournaments, spike ball tournaments (which we will all watch the finals of on Friday)
- As of this morning the rankings were Seniors in first, then sophomores, juniors, and freshmen in last place
- In other news, winter sports seasons are drawing to a close, with many celebrating their senior nights. I believe the girls basketball team is having theirs tonight. Spring sports are also scheduled to begin around March 20th, I know our first tennis practice is supposed to be that same day
- Class registrations will begin in 2 weeks (esp AP)

- Another approaching event that I am personally very excited for is the Mr Auburn competition, I have witnessed the contestants practicing some hilarious skits, so I would definitely recommend buying tickets

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Spotlight on Students:

Dr. Chamberland introduced Middle School Principal Gregg Desto. Mr. Desto introduced Project 351 Ambassador, Paul Vangos. Paul shared a presentation recapping the launch day January 14, 2023 at Faneuil Hall in Boston. Paul will spearhead a donation drive at the Middle School for Cradle to Crayon, and will expand it to the other schools. Dr. Chamberland said she is happy to assist in spreading the word. The committee expressed their pride in Paul's accomplishments and found him inspiring.

Dr. Chamberland introduced Libby Dumais, high school French teacher and Quebec field trip coordinator. Libby shared a video from the recent trip and the students present shared with the committee their favorite experience of the trip and answered questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APS Strategic Plan - Draft

Dr. Chamberland: At the February 1, 2023 School Committee meeting you were presented with a draft of the Strategic Plan. Since that meeting, I have shared this draft with the stakeholder team that worked on the document last summer along with the Leadership Team. I can go over the highlighted updates with you and I welcome your suggestions. I welcome your suggestions. If there are required changes you would like made we can table a vote to approve.

Jessie Harrington had a question regarding support for at risk students regarding interventions.

Dr. Chamberland: This would be a slow roll out where families can opt out of the screening. It will be effective to build a response team to help the kids in need.

Samantha Raphael expressed concern with the opt out process.

Dr. Chamberland: This would be monitored by guidance staff.

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to *approve the 2023-2023 Auburn Public Schools Strategic Plan.*

Meghan McCrillis made a motion to *approve the 2023-2023 Auburn Public Schools Strategic Plan.* Samantha Raphael seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Update on 2023-2024 Bus Application

Dr. Chamberland thanked Mandy Williams, Caitlin O'Neill and Kelly Ackley for their work on developing the online bus registration form being used this school year. As of Friday, February 10th, we have (608) who have registered and (412) who have completed the registration by providing payment. She urged all to complete the registration and provide payment by May 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Residency Check Points

Dr. Chamberland: We continue to have situations brought to our attention where we discover students who are enrolled in our district who do not live in Auburn. When this is discovered, we work diligently to either update and confirm Auburn residency with the family, or have the students withdrawn from the district. In an effort to mitigate these occurrences, I am recommending that as students transition from one school building to the next, we ask for updated residency paperwork from the family. We are currently exploring the most convenient and secure options for families to use for this process through Powerschool. We will use the returning student form, and proof of residency can be uploaded. Building secretaries will be responsible to follow up with families. We hope to start this in the Spring.

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to *recommend that the Superintendent establish a process to maintain or introduce Residency Check Points at entry to preschool, entry to kindergarten, entry to grade 3, entry to grade 6 and entry to grade 9.*

Samantha Raphael made a motion to *recommend that the Superintendent establish a process to maintain or introduce Residency Check Points at entry to preschool, entry to kindergarten, entry to grade 3, entry to grade 6 and entry to grade 9. Brooke Wrenn seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.*

2023-2024 School Committee Meeting Dates

Dr. Chamberland: In your packet you will find some tentative dates for the 2023-2024 School Committee meetings. This is being done so that we can include them on the newly approved 2023-2024 School Year Calendar.

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to approve the *recommended dates for School Committee meetings in the 2023-2024 school year.*

Meghan McCrillis made a motion to approve the recommended dates for School Committee meetings in the 2023-2024 school year. Samantha Raphael seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

TEACHING AND LEARNING REPORT:

Alan Keller: In the February 6, 2023 Education Commissioner's Weekly Update from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, districts were informed that [School and District Report Cards](#) were now available on the Department of Education website. Each year, the state issues a report card for each school and district in the Commonwealth that highlights for parents, community members and staff strengths of schools and districts as well as areas for improvement in order to ensure the needs of all students are being met. I have provided the slides in your packet for review.

BUSINESS/FINANCIAL REPORT:

Year to Date Budget Report

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a year to date budget report dated February 9, 2023 for review.

Budget Transfers

Mrs. Wirzbicki provided a listing of Budget Transfers dated February 9, 2023, between the same series for information and between different series for approval.

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to *approve the list of Transfers dated February 9, 2023, as presented by the Business Manager.*

Samantha Raphael made a motion to *approve the list of Transfers dated February 9, 2023, as presented by the Business Manager.* Brooke Wrenn seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Executive Session: None

Jessie Harrington entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Samantha Raphael made the motion to adjourn for the evening. Brooke Wrenn seconded the motion, it was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Roll Call Vote Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Williams

Recording Secretary

Referenced Documents:

Meeting Minutes for 2/1/23

Letter to SC regarding Quebec Trip

Updated APS Strategic Plan (Draft)

School Committee Meeting Dates for 2023-2024

APS DSE Report Card

Year to Date Budget Report Dated 2/9/23

Budget Transfers Dated 2/9/23

Approved 3-1-23