

Harvard School Committee, Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 8, 2015, Old Library, Hapgood Room

Present: Linda Dwight, SusanMary Redinger, Jennifer Bedford, Kirsten Wright, Nancy Lancellotti, Mary Traphagen. Absent: Lorraine Leonard, Maureen Babcock

SusanMary called the meeting to order at 6pm

Mary Traphagen read the Vision Statement

Citizens' Commentary- none

Acceptance of Harvard Schools Trust Grant Award. This grant, in the amount of \$300, funds part of an ongoing project at The Bromfield School. The project title is Creating New Worlds: An Anthology Project in Creativity, Imagination, and Service.

Nancy Lancellotti made a motion and Kirsten Wright seconded to accept the grant from the Harvard Schools Trust as presented.

VOTE: 5/0

Consideration of new Business Professionals of America club (BPA). Bromfield social studies teacher Kristen McManus and Bromfield student, Jack Armstrong presented information about the club they wish to form next fall, 2015. Kristen has a lot of experience with this club as a former member and as an advisor. The addition of this club would fill a gap in the extracurricular activities. BPA operates at the state and national level. The club's purpose is to engage students in leadership workshops, in community service projects, and in state and national competitions; re: business, technology, and office administration events.

Kirsten Wright made a motion to approve the formation of the Business Professionals of America club. Jennifer Bedford seconded.

VOTE 5/0

Review Overnight Trip Approval for Rowing. Parent Pam Erdos represented the Bromfield/ AB Rowing Club. Three boats qualified for Nationals- Wed.6/10- Sun.6/14. All plans have been communicated to Jim'O'Shea and specific teachers. Seniors have graduated, 3 underclassmen are missing three days of school, and no finals will be missed. Trip to Florida is strictly about the races. Athletes will have little to no recreation time.

Pam asked the committee if communicating the rowing schedule in the fall would be helpful for planning purposes, although she said there is not much time between qualifying to the next level and the actual event. The committee agreed a tentative schedule in the fall would be helpful.

Kirsten Wright made a motion to approve the Rowing Club's overnight trip to Nationals as presented and Jennifer Bedford seconded.

VOTE: 5/0

Superintendent's Report.

- I. **MASC/MASS Conference.** November 4-7, Hyannis. Jennifer Bedford, SusanMary Redinger and Mary Traphagen will attend. Nancy Lancelottii is looking into it, but she couldn't commit yet. If committee members register before 7/15, the district saves \$100 per person.
- II. **K-Enrollment.** 53 students are enrolled. 4 are half-day students. The committee told Linda and Sue Frederick to proceed with the plan of 4 sections of Kindergarten if the enrollment reaches 55 students.
- III. **Sidewalk Project.** Start date somewhat of a surprise- Third week of July. But the company assures us that the project will be completed in three weeks: by August 14.
- IV. **Award Events.** Athletic and academic scholarship award nights have occurred. An award night for underclassmen (9-11) is scheduled for Thursday, 6/11.
- V. **Graduation- New Tradition.** HES teachers created a poster with messages and photos of the seniors as young children. Sue Frederick ordered a large banner to greet seniors on their arrival to HES.
- VI. **Elementary Library/ Media position filled.** Marybeth Quaadgras has been selected to fill the library/media position
- VII. **Grand Farewell.** Gretchen Henry's retirement party was held and it was a wonderful event. Her son from Colorado made a surprise appearance. Current and past teachers, administrators, and family celebrated Gretchen's 35 years of dedication to Harvard Public Schools.

Suggested future agenda items.

Monday, June 22- Superintendent Evaluation

Friday, July 10, 9am- Close-out meeting with Lorraine Leonard

Citizens' Commentary- none

SusanMary made a motion and Jennifer Bedford seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:56pm

VOTE: 5/0

Respectfully submitted by Mary Traphagen, Secretary