

PPS School Committee
Regular meeting
December 11, 2019

Call to Order – 4:31 PM

Roll Call – Suzanne S., Penny S., Liz. L, Adrianna S., Eva E., Tim R. (Ngina arrived at 4:35)

New Teachers, 2019-20120

- Dianna Morton – SPED long term sub for MYP
- Susan Heinz – Librarian and Media Specialist
- Wayne Bund – Math Coach
- Jean-Pierre Chretien – MYP ESL Teacher

Curriculum Presentation – Amy Rokicki, Language and Literature Teacher and MYP3 Community Projects Instructor and Coordinator

- Friday, Dec. 13 – MYP3 Presentation
- Passion + Community Need + Action

Public Comments – No public present

Review of Minutes

- Oct. 9, 2019
 - Spelling of Adrianna name needs to be corrected
 - Ngina – motion, Liz – second
 - 5-0-0 - approved
- Nov. 15, 2019
 - No Comments
 - Liz – motion, Penny – second
 - 5-0-0 - approved
- Nov. 18, 2019 – tabled
- Dec. 4, 2019 – Subcommittee on Policy
 - Penny – motion, Eva – second
 - 2-0-0 - approved

Superintendent's Update

- Still in community entry process
- Family and community survey will be distributed electronically after the holiday
- March – mid-year review of her goals with artifacts
- Budget
 - Preliminary numbers are being considered
 - Salaries will be the biggest cost. Final numbers will be determined in contract negotiations
- Gym

- Water damage continues. Believed it has been identified as a leak between walls on the side of the gardens
- Portion of floor damaged will be repaired
- Painting of the walls continue
- A grand reopening is planned
- Locker rooms will be cleaned and reopened
- Raising expectations for MYP students work and IB learner profile

Unfinished Business

- ELC Personnel – tabled
- Sexual Harassment Policy ACAB – Second reading
 - Ngina – Is there a way to ensure that a person has easy access? Yes – handbooks, website
 - There is an anonymous alert system available – price will be given to Committee
 - Ngina - motion, Penny – second
 - 5-0-0 - approved
- Security Cameras in Schools Policy ECAF – second reading
 - Adrianna – second paragraph “the” not “their”, semicolon in third paragraph after visitor, semicolon after equipment
 - Suzanne – “All video recordings will be stored in their original format, including cloud based storage,”
 - Liz – motion, Penny – second
 - 5-0-0 – approved
- Educational opportunities for military children JFABE – second reading
 - No questions or discussion
 - Liz – motion, Penny – second
 - 5-0-0 –approved
- Educational opportunities for children in foster care policy JFABF – second reading
 - Eva - Does the committee wish to include infant and toddlers on space available bases?
 - John Morgan is foster contact for our school
 - Liz – motion, Penny – second
 - 5-0-0 – approved
- School building use fees
 - Eva – Asked that Suzanne develop a team to devise the fees (not a subcommittee)
 - Tabled

New Business

- Legal counsel
 - 8 of 30 legal firms submitted RFPs – all are education specialists
 - Suzanne reviewed some of the highlights of the services offered
 - Asked our current firm to match rates offered by other offices. The firm rejected the request.
 - We are too small for a retainer
 - Suzanne recommends
 - N, M & P – least expenses, concern that the attorney has not been identified

- S, C, & M – fewer fees, example para fees & travel
- Ngina - motion to employ S, C, & M for the coming year, Adrianna - second
- 5-0-0 – approved
- M, H, T & L – no complaints, the committee is seeking to be good stewards of the budget
- Student activity account policy JJF – first reading
- Minutes Policy BEDG – first reading
- Survey Policy ILD – first reading
- School Committee Goals
 - Two goal proposals presented with key actions and benchmarks
 - 1st Goal – Professional Development
 - 2nd Goal – Policy Review
 - Is a subcommittee needed for budget? – This could be delayed until other goals are achieved. Developing capacity, addressed in professional development, is essential
 - Adrianna – motion, Ngina – second
 - 5-0-0 – approved
- Student Handbook – Revisions have come from pedagogical leadership council, faculty, and site council. Principal is in the final stage of ensuring consistency in formatting.
- Scholarship Committee nominees
 - John Vosburgh Ngina – motion, Adrianna – second
 - 5-0-0 approved

PSC Comments

- Eva – Welcome Tim as minute taker. Thank you to Jenn for good work. Please visit the Costa Rica holiday booth to support the upcoming trip
- Ngina – New faculty are very impressive. Math coach seems perfect. ELL teacher speaking Japanese is an added bonus. Amy’s presentation gave us an insight into the growth of our students.
- Suzanne – There is housing insecurity for new faculty. Three are in winter rentals.
- Adrianna – Students are learning because their interests are being addressed (told personal antidote of her son). Proud to be a part of the school and attending the conference.
- Liz – Please to meet new faculty. Excited about goals. Amy is amazing.
- Penny – Impressed with new hires. Feels blessed to go to the committee training.

Adjourn 6:09

- Liz – motion, Penny – second
- 5-0-0 – approved

Executive Session

Call to Order – 6:10

Negotiations

- Update provided by superintendent

Adjourned 6:35