

Roll Call

Notice having been given in accordance with the requirements of law, a meeting of the School Committee was held at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in the Lynch Elementary School Library. Present were Ms. Bodie, Ms. Swiger, Mr. O'Connor, Dr. Kounaves, Mr. Schindelman, Director of Finance Mr. Rippin, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kerble, and Superintendent Marini.

Public Comment

None

Student Representative

Brett Howley joined the committee and reported that SATs were held at the high school this past Saturday. On Friday the Junior class dance will be held. The seniors have only eight days of classes remaining. The schedule for finals has been determined and the students will have two days of exams, taking two exams per day. Students are expressing concerns that there will not be enough time to study with the current schedule. Youth Service Day will be held on May 13th. The Hall of Fame dinner will take place on May 11th. There is a student auction being held tonight at the high school with proceeds to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Society.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Marine reported that Director of Finance, Sam Rippin, received his certification as a CPA in Massachusetts.

The Science Program Review has been on going this current year, and the team will collect all the results, prepare a report, and present the findings at a school committee meeting in the fall.

The Lynch School Program Review committee including parents and teachers, has been collecting data regarding the extraordinary demands placed on the school due to the special programs offered to students with special needs. The committee has reported their findings and suggestions to Dr. Marini and Dr. Kerble and will present to an upcoming school committee meeting.

Approval of Trip

Michelle White and Mike Marchand presented information regarding the proposed trip to the Amazon Basin and the Galapagos Islands. Ms. White indicated that approximately 12-14 students, along with two chaperones, would travel to the Amazon Basin and the Galpagos Islands from February 16, 2007 to February 26, 2007. The cost of the trip would be \$2,195 plus \$775 for airfare. Efforts to provide scholarships are currently being explored.

On a motion by Dr. Kounaves, seconded by Ms. Swiger, the committee unanimously

VOTED to approve the trip for February 16, 2007 to February 26, 2007 to go to the Amazon Basin and the Galapagos Islands with the Holbrook Travel Agency provided that world conditions allow, and all the proper paperwork is completed. The Superintendent has the authority to cancel the trip if necessary and efforts are made to provide financial support for those in need.

Introduction of the New Director of Special Education

Dr. Marini had the pleasure of introducing Dr. Linda Stapp, the newly hired Director of Special Education. Dr. Stapp has been working for the Concord/Carlisle Public Schools as the Director of Student Support Services since 1993. She has also serviced as a principal, assistant principal and IEP team chairperson.

Dr. Kerble chaired the search committee and the committee is extremely pleased to have Dr. Stapp joined the Winchester Public Schools. Ms. Stapp will begin her service the first week of July, 2006.

Guidance Report

Director of Guidance Alice Schellhorn, along with two guidance councilors, Judy Johnson and Jaime Green, joined the committee and provided the scope of responsibilities of the Guidance Department. Responsibilities included college and academic advisement, services for students with disabilities, new student enrollment, social-emotional issues, parent workshops, along with many other administrative tasks.

Ms. Schellhorn also highlights the many accomplishments in the Guidance Department that include: a college application workshop, a freshman orientation workshop, a junior early college planning workshop, a sophomore workshop, and the development of a comprehensive web site that provides information to parents and students about guidance services, post-secondary education, school information and links to valuable web-based resources. It was noted that during the 2004-2005 school year, two of the guidance counselors were paid through a grant to develop this web site and software was purchased to allow them to update the site without having to go through the high school's web site administrator. A Technology Department technician was assisting the two counselors to

learn the basics of maintaining the web site. However, this year the technician resigned and there has been no ability to update the web site due to a lack of technical consultation, as well as the inability of the counselors to be able to find the time during their normal working hours to keep the site updated.

The department has purchased the Naviance program that will assist the councilors in managing the college applications process much more efficiently. The department will receive training

Approval of Gifts

On a motion by Ms. Swiger, seconded by Dr. Kounaves , the committee unanimously

VOTED to accept with gratitude the \$168 gift from the Winchester Lodge of Elks and \$582 from the Massachusetts Elks for the Special Education Extended Year Program.

On a motion by Ms. Swiger, seconded by Mr. Schindelman, the committee unanimously

VOTED to accept with gratitude the Kitchen Aid heavy duty Mixer to be used in the Family & Consumer Science Department For Victoria Hinchley and her mother Shirley Kawamoto.

Next Committee Meeting Dates

The next school committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2006.

Roll Call

Executive Session

For the purpose of negotiations.

Adjournment

The committee voted to adjourn at 10:09 p.m.