

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING    November 27, 2023**

**7:00 PM    11 Lincoln Street, PPS Central Office, Mayflower Rm    In person and Zoom**

Members present: Michelle Badger (Chairperson), Luis Pizano (Vice Chairperson), Dr. Katherine Jackson (Secretary), Dr. James Sorensen, Kim Savery, Robert Morgan, Vedna Lacombe-Heywood

School Administrators Present: Dr. Christopher S. Campbell (Superintendent), Dr. Adam C. Blaisdell (Assistant Superintendent-Business Administrator), Erik W. Cioffi (Assistant Superintendent—Human Resources Director), Dr. Stacey A. Rogers (Assistant Superintendent Administration & Instruction).

### COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC - Info

None

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE COMMENDATIONS - Info

Badger offered a moment of silence for Nancy Roderick-Central Office Special Education Secretary, and Diane Soares-Kitchen Manager for PCIS and PNHS.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS-Info

Hales (PNHS) reminded students that a college application and essay is due by February 1, 2024. They are necessary for students to be eligible for local scholarships. The applications may be found on student Navian accounts. On December 7 & 8, 141 students will be attending the DECA District 1 Conference. The top five in each category will be eligible to attend the Massachusetts State Career Development Conference in Boston on March 7-9. PNHS's Interact Club, in support of the Rotary Club, is still collecting winter items during October & November. On Thursday, November 16, the National Honor Society (NHS) inducted 42 new members. The guest speaker was Nancy Rozak, PNHS Biomed Science, Anatomy, and Physiology teacher. Bus passes were distributed to students. Winter athletics begins November 27. This week, students in the Biomedical Program, will receive their white coats.

DePaul (PSHS) shared that the PSHS students in the Biomedical Program also received their white coats. Winter sports have started at South. Student Council hosted a week and a half of spirit activities that included competition in many different categories. Some of the activities included Dress-Up Day, Pep Rally, Advisory Door Decorations, and Powder Puff. DePaul highlighted the support of the school community in putting together turkey baskets for the less fortunate families in her school. Scholarship applications will be going live shortly; more information will be given to students during advisory period. In conjunction with the annual tree lighting, our Marketing students will light up the Grist Mill with luminaries. Money raised will be given

to a worthy cause. Freshmen and their advisors are involved in producing individual digital portfolios with a vision of the student. On Friday, during Kblock, Dr. Campbell will present award letters to seniors who have done well on MCAS and have been denoted as Adams Scholars. The PSHS Theater Guild put on The Play That Goes Wrong. The Junior Class is running a Toy Drive; unwrapped toys will be accepted until December 15. The Instrumental Concert is December 7; the Choral Concert is December 19. Both concerts start at 7.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS-Info

Dr. Kelly Bitinas and Principal Erica Manfredi reported on the recent success of the Children's Business Fair. Through a Power Point presentation and discussion, a special "Thank You" was extended to: Plymouth Education Foundation, Center Stage Dance Academy, DECA, The Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, Plymouth Public schools, The Plymouth Foundation, and Squinny's.

Involved as Elementary School Advisors: Cold Spring-Jolie Dwyer & Megan Milano; Federal Furnace-Lisa Whynott; Hedge-Carin Marini; Indian Brook-Erin Kirkpatrick; Manomet-Nancy Cavicchi & Katie Strout; Nathaniel Morton-Courtney Minassian; South-Jennifer Powers; West-Heather Mento; District Wide-Erica Manfredi, Dr. Kelly Bitinas & Jen Mulvaney.

Plymouth Community Mentors: Katie Kearney-Plymouth Public Library Foundation; Laura Scott & Phillip Tingale-Viscariello Hospitality; Nina Garcia-ValPak; Daniel Genannt & Kelly Le-Cape Cod Five; Marcia Mantell-Mantell Retirement; Linda Dooley-IMAGEination Graphic Solutions; Kim Sweeney-Engel & Volkers Real Estate; Bob Nolet-Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce; Alyssa Smith-Locally, Yours; Pamela Smith-Locally, Yours & Creative Pear Marketing; Christine de la Torre-Sprezzatura; Maryann McClellan-Nectar Collective; Scott Hokanson-Brabo Benefits.

Award Recipients (Courtesy of Plymouth South High School DECA students, Yvonne O'Keefe, Advisor)

Best Communication-Maggie Fey, *Peace & Art*; Best Display-Landon Petti & Alazar Hastings; *The Popcorn Bros*; Best Packaging-Bella Finley, *Bella's Christmas Creations*; Best Promotional Campaign-James Garcia, *James' Chocolate Covered Chex Mix*; Brightest Future-Aleigha Sena, Kenli McManus-*K & A Mystery Candles*; Most Creative-Dahlia Reynolds, *DLR Designs*; Most Sustainable-Reese North, *Art From The Ocean*; Sweetest Treat-Ava Nighelli, *Ava's Baked Delights*, Uniqueness-Colin Hokanson, *Colin's Carpentry*.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MATTERS-Info/Action

Dr. Gary Maestas gave a presentation requesting a continuation of the PNHS/PSHS Washington, DC Dream Ride Field Trip. INFO

Maestas proposed A Student International Study with China. Discussion followed. PASSED

#### OTHER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MATTERS-Info/action

DEI Resolution. APPROVED with EDIT

Donation from Plymouth Fire Relief Association to Plymouth Early Childhood Center (PECC). APPROVED

Donation from COLOURS, Inc. to Dr. Adam Blaisdell and Chris Baker, accepted on behalf of PSHS. APPROVED

#### COMMUNICATIONS-Info

Superintendent's Report: Campbell, accompanied by Manomet Elementary School Principal Fraine and teacher, Nancy Cavicchi, travelled to Washington, D.C. for the Blue Ribbon Ceremony. It was noted that Manomet Elementary School was the only public elementary school from Massachusetts. Campbell has sent out invitations to families and staff requesting members for The Strategic Planning Committee. This committee will represent diversity and inclusion of all schools in the district. The meetings will run from February 5 through April 29. Included in this endeavor will be surveys and focus groups. Next week there will be School Committee meetings focusing on the budget proposal for FY25 Campbell will be establishing an advocacy group to discuss both out-of-state and out-of-country field trips. The purpose is to research groups that run - profit trips as opposed to groups that may sponsor non-profit trips.

#### REPORTS-Info

Committee Member Reports

MASC Conference

Savery gave an overview of a workshop that she facilitated Sandy Hook Promise and the Attorney General's office. They highlighted a program called Know the Signs for School Violence Prevention. The Sandy Hook Promise offers scholarships. Another program talked about the difference between Presentation and Prevention as differing methods of addressing issues. Savery mentioned there are Save Promise Clubs. Campbell has reached out to the organization that has given status to 75 schools; we are on the waiting list. Savery also attended a workshop on legal issues including parents' rights, school committee rights, as well as curriculum.

Badger congratulated Savery on her Lifetime MASC Member Award. Badger shared her review of the play, The Play That Goes Wrong, and congratulated those responsible for a great production

Jackson stated that the Diversity Committee is “fine-tuning” committee language and goals so that the organization will continue as people move on. They are looking for representatives from all school districts. She also attended a NARCAN training. ..

#### Personnel Reports

Cioffi reported 2 appointments and one parental leave.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-Action APPROVED

#### Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

- A. Minutes of October 16, 2023 meeting
- B. Home Education Plan#151-24
- C. Accounts Payable Warrant #S112223
- D. Grants and Revolving Funds Warrant #G112223 (\$486,802.50)

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Eddy, LWV Observer

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