

EAST LONGMEADOW SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINUTES

DATE: September 6, 2016

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

WHERE: Superintendent's Conference Room

Meeting called to Order by: William Fonseca, Chair

Present: Richard Freccero, William Fonseca, Deirdre Mailloux, Gregory Thompson, Elizabeth Marsian-Boucher, Gordon Smith, Superintendent of School, Pamela Blair, Asst. Superintendent for Business, Valerie Annear, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Kathy Celetti, Recording Secretary, Student Rep

Chair stated that this meeting is being both audio and video taped, and asked if anyone else was taping the meeting.

Approval of Minutes - None

Committee/Sub-committee Communications

Rich: I've heard from the residence of East Longmeadow, Baystate emergency room, staff, nothing but wonderful compliments about our playgrounds. We need to do something with the Community Preservation at some point.

Mr. Smith: We are going to have a grand opening, just waiting on the final touches, a sign to be a permanent part of the playground. The sign will say: Welcome to Mountain View/Meadow Brook playground. Project completed by the Community Preservation Fund.

Beth: ELEEF will be having its golf event on September 19th; lunch will be at 12pm and shot gun at 1pm. The cost is \$135/per person. Please go to our website and check it out. Notification, that this past Saturday our boys pre-season soccer jamboree EL team and the EL Soccer Booster team presented a check for \$650 towards the Connor McCormick Fund. He is the young man who was paralyzed when jumping into a pool. I think that's wonderful that they did that for him.

Rich: ELEEF is on a School Committee night.

Bill: Convocation was great, we got off to great start this year, in spite of a little hiccup at Mapleshade, but everything is running fine now.

Opportunity for visitors to Address the committee - No one wished to address the committee

Superintendent's Report: None

Assistant Superintendent of Business : None

Old Business : None

New Business

7.1. Meadow Brook kindergarten field trip to Pell Farms in Somers, CT. on October 4th was presented.

Deirdre moved to approve the MB kindergarten field trip to Pell Farms on October 4th, Beth seconded the motion.

Chair: Those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

7.2 DPW recommendation to prune and possibly remove trees at Mountain View School was presented.

These are crabapple trees. Deirdre said that she had Greg stop by and take a look at the trees, get his opinion. Greg said that there are at least two trees worth keeping (one on the corner near the parking lot and the one next to it. They flower nicely, also good shade trees. Beth suggested any trees that are removed, be replaced. Greg also suggested that DPW clean up the Maple and Birch trees, some dead branches.

Greg moved to approve the DPW recommendation to prune the trees and the attempt to save two of the crabapple trees. Also have DPW trim the Maple and Birch tree, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: Those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

7.3 Establishing a revolving account for the staff laptop maintenance and repairs was discussed.

This is designed to provide a funding source for unintentional damage to school mobile technology devices.

- IT will provide a silicone cover to help prevent liquid damage
- A \$10 charge per licensed ELPS staff shall apply to all during the first year. This includes all current and eligible ELEA members. As a benefit to members, ELEA agrees to pay the entire premium for all staff during the first year, of \$2,500. The money will be placed in a revolving account.
- The term of this pilot program is one year. Parties will agree to continue, renegotiate or end this agreement at the end of one year.
- A joint committee of 2 ELPS Central Office Administrators, IT Director, and 3 ELEA Officers will provide resolutions to any employee grievances regarding this program, excluding staff discipline, which is covered under the ELEA/ELSC contract.
- Unintentional Damage: liquid spills, accidental drop/fall or accidentally closing objects in laptop.
- Report Damage: IT Department with detail explanation of it occurred, IT will assess the damage, repair options and cost, if damage is covered by this program, the ELPS staff member will pay a \$50 deductible, IT Dept. will charge repair costs to the Program Fund.
- Examples of incidents covered by alternative sources are: Theft, fire, acts of nature occurring in town buildings; Faulty hardware, damage caused by students; power surges and normal wear and tear as determined by IT Director.

Rich moved to establish a Revolving Account for staff laptop maintenance and repairs, Deirdre seconded the motion.

Chair: Those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

7.4 Appointment of School Committee Rep for the Town Election Work Group was discussed.

Mr. Smith said that after our last meeting he met with Tom Florence and Town Manager to look at all possibilities. The committee will consist of: Police and Fire Chief, Town Clerk, Mr. Smith, Rec Director (1) School Committee Rep and (1) Town Council Member (Kathy Hill)

Deirdre moved to appoint Richard Freccero as School Committee Rep and Gregory Thompson as the alternate for the Town Election Work Group,

Beth seconded the motion. Greg said that he's glad that they are reaching out to us.

Chair: Those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0)

Deirdre moved to adjourn at 7:30 PM, Beth seconded the motion.

Chair: Thank you Jake Brady (ELCAT)

Chair: welcomed our new student rep.

Chair: those in favor of the motion say aye (5 ayes), those opposed say nay (0), motion carries (5-0).