



Old Rochester Regional School Committee Equity Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2023 AT 4:30 p.m.

Media Room at the Junior High School
133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Beauregard (in-person), Marion School Committee, Frances-Feliz Kearns (in-person), ORR School Committee, Margaret McSweeney (in-person), ORR School Committee, Joseph Pires (remote), ORR School Committee, and Amanda Hastings (in-person), Mattapoisett School Committee. (Alternate: Matthew Monteiro)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Jason Chisholm.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS PRESENT: Craig Davidson, Director of Student Services (in-person) and Sharlene Fedorowicz, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning (remote).

Building Leadership: Linda Ashley, Center School Principal (in-person), Derek Medeiros, Rochester Memorial School Principal (in-person), Charles West, Rochester Memorial School (in-person), Asst. Principal, Marla Sirois, Sippican School Principal (in-person), Peter Crisafulli, Sippican School Assistant Principal (in-person), Silas Coellner, Jr. High School Principal (in-person), Michael Devoll, High School Principal (in-person), and Lauren Millette, ORR Guidance Director (in-person).

Meeting called to order at 4:32pm by Frances Feliz-Kearns. Ms. Kearns informed everyone attending the meeting that the meeting was being recorded and stated this meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee, Administrators and public will have the option of meeting in person in the Media Room located at the Jr. High School at 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 or via zoom.

The following agenda items were addressed:

I. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2023:

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by Margaret McSweeney

Motion Seconded by Mary Beauregard

Motion Carries

Roll Call: Mary Beauregard (yes), Frances-Feliz Kearns (yes), Margaret McSweeney (yes), Joseph Pires (yes), and Amanda Hastings (abstain).

II. General

a. Provide Progress Report on Equity Action Plan(s)

Dr. Fedorowicz and Mr. Davidson led a presentation of the progress in each building on the Equity Action Plan. They provided an overview at the system-wide level and the principals discussed progress at the building level. Each member of the building leadership discussed the progress in 21st Century Learning, Social and Emotional Learning and Global Citizenship. Common themes across the leadership team included continued work and progress with Project351, OpenSciEd, and prioritizing each student identifying two trusted adults in their school.

School Committee Feedback:

Ms. Kearns commented regarding Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents general professional development and equity work mentioned by Mr. Davidson.

Ms. Hastings asked if the connections information regarding students identifying two trusted adults will be done annually or continued to be used. Mr. Tavares said Mattapoissett hopes to use the model to go towards an advisory type of model so that each trusted adult would meet weekly with their students for support as needed. Mr. Coellner stated it is a continuous model used every year in which the staff reviews and learns new ways to use the information and build on it. Mr. Devoll agreed.

Ms. McSweeney thanked the administration present for all their hard work and progress this year on these goals. She can feel and hear the commitment from the staff. She suggested maybe questions be asked after each section when reviewing the plan. She asked if there were resources available to students at Sippican interested in the Science Fair but maybe the parents were unable to help or financially afford it. Ms. Sirois confirmed that the teacher is very much involved in communication with the families and children that are interested to offer assistance as needed.

Ms. McSweeney asked if the Panorama Survey would be done again since last time it was during the pandemic. Mr. Davidson stated there is more information to come regarding that topic. She also asked how individual teachers are held accountable with cultural proficiency being incorporated in their lesson plans. Ms. Sirois, Mr. Devoll and Mr. Medeiros all commented that is part of their evaluations and goals as along individual discussions with faculty throughout the year as part of the evaluation process.

Ms. Kearns asked if since Project 351 and OpenSciEd are grants, will the District have to reapply? Dr. Fedorowicz explained that OpenSciEd is a three year grant so that is on-going. Dr. Fedorowicz clarified that Project 351 is not a grant, rather an opportunity. The District was awarded the opportunity to partner with them to grow the program during the first year so she anticipates it will continue. Ms. Millette added that she has upcoming discussion with Project 351 to assist with future development of the program to other districts and continuing to work with them.

III. Public Comment

Member Kearns read the following statement:

Public comment is governed by approved school committee policy. Per the committee's policy, we will offer up to 15 minutes for public comments this evening. Public comment is not a discussion, debate, or dialogue between individuals and the school committee. However, the committee takes any public comment made seriously and appreciates hearing from the public. Anyone looking to provide a public comment must be acknowledged by the Chairperson before addressing the committee. Those making a public comment will have up to three minutes to address the committee and must start their comment by stating their name and the town they reside in. For those in person there is a sign in sheet for those looking to make a public comment located on side wall and those on zoom, you can send a message in the chat with your name and the town you reside in. The chairperson will alternate between in-person and zoom participants. The school committee reserve the right to address any comment that present incorrect information at our next meeting.

Mirian Nawoichik from Marion spoke to confirm that as a parent at Sippican, she knows they do help families with any resources they need for the Science Fair. She commended the group for teaching kindness in school and asked if there was also something that could be done to teach them how to handle responding to any negative comments or when another student is mean to them at school as well.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm by Frances-Feliz Kearns

Motion Seconded by Margaret McSweeney

Motion Carries

Roll Call: Mary Beauregard (yes), Frances-Feliz Kearns (yes), Margaret McSweeney (yes), Joseph Pires (yes), and Amanda Hastings (yes).

Respectfully submitted,



Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent