

MARION SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Marion, Massachusetts

June 15, 2022

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MEETING MINUTES

Regular meeting of the Marion School Committee was held on Wednesday – June 15, 2022 and called to order by Chairperson, April Nye, at 6:30pm.

The meeting will be conducted in hybrid format. School Committee members and Administration will have the option of meeting in person in the Media Room of the Old Rochester Regional Jr. High School located at 135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett MA 02739, or via Zoom. Public access is available through Zoom only by the link provided.

MEMBERS PRESENT: April Nye, Chairperson (In-person); Nichole Daniel, Vice-Chairperson (In-person); Nichole Nye McGaffey (In-person); Mary Beaugard (Hybrid); Michelle Smith (Hybrid)

OTHERS PRESENT: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools – In Person; Craig Davidson, Director of Student Services- In Person; Howard Barber – Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations – In Person; Marla Sirois, Principal, Sippican School- In Person; Peter Crisafulli, Assistant Principal, Sippican School – In Person, Toni Bailey, Recording Secretary – In Person; teachers; staff; parents; members of the press and public – Hybrid

Chairperson, April Nye, stated in accordance with Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, the Agenda has been set, the meeting is being video-taped, and unless there are any emergencies that need to be added, the Agenda will be followed as outlined.

MEETING TO ORDER

RECOGNITION PRESENTATION – Retirees

Superintendent Nelson stated the following regarding Ms. Paula McKeen:

*“When I first came to Old Rochester Superintendency Union #55 about eight years ago, I met Paula McKeen in a Responsive Classroom training, which is a four-day course, and in one of the first activities we needed to identify by what they called “Clock Buddies” and Ms. McKeen and I were paired up and became quick professional friends ever since and we still joke around “there is my clock buddy” when we run in to one another. I was a little taken back when I heard that Ms. McKeen was retiring because I know how much she means to our students, our families, faculty and also by me.*

*I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard from parents how they are really hoping Ms. McKeen would be their teacher the next year or reflecting on their experience when their child had her as a classroom teacher and how great of a year it was. When I say I can’t count... I mean that – it is a very regular occurrence. I think that is the ultimate compliment you can get as an educator when parents want or truly reflect and appreciate the time their child spent with Ms. McKeen. Although I am sad to see her go, I know this is a time that she needs to concentrate on her next chapter and for her family.*

*When we were talking about her upcoming retirement, I could just see the passion oozing out of her in terms of how much Sippican School means to her and I have a feeling that we will continue to hear from her and I wish her nothing but happiness in her retirement”*

Chairperson April Nye stated:

*"Ms. McKeen was my son's third grade teacher and I know how she loved the children; she loves teaching, and I'm sure this is a bitter/sweet moment for her as it is for all of us. We wish her nothing but the best and thank her for her years of dedication and commitment to Sippican School. If you know anything about Sippican School, "Vocabulary Day" is a huge piece of our community and Ms. McKeen brought that to us 14 years ago.*

*The usual tradition is that we always do a book dedication to retirees – the Marion School Committee chose the book "The Dictionary of Difficult Words" which we thought would be a great honor to Ms. McKeen."*

The inscription on the inside cover states:

This Book Is A Gift From  
The Marion School Committee  
In honor of  
Paula McKeen  
Thank you for your years of service to the students of Sippican School.  
Your kindness and support has made all the difference.  
June, 2022

Principal Marla Sirois stated the following:

*"We are so fortunate to have known Ms. McKeen as an educator and a colleague."*

Mr. Crisafulli and I chose the book:

A Teacher Like You by: Frank Murphy and Barbara Dan

Ms. Sirois read some of the versus from "A Teacher Like You" as follows:

You taught us to be creative and to be proud of how we express ourselves.  
The way we write our names. The way we draw our dreams – and make them come true.  
You encouraged us to make each day a masterpiece.  
You gave your time when you didn't have to – showing up at our games and our recitals  
You led us to volunteer – watching you give back, inspired us to give more  
You shared your heart and made ours grow  
You listened when no one else would.  
You taught us how to connect with each other  
You guided us to accept differences and value our own.  
We learned to think before we speak and act  
We learned we can't take back what we say and do  
We learned to listen first  
We learned from watching you  
You taught us to be leaders  
You cared, you comforted, you challenged and you let me be me  
I needed a teacher like you  
You said I was smart – so I was  
You said you believed in me -so I did too  
You are a hero to me

Ms. Sirois stated Ms. McKeen was a hero to many children in our school district and noted Ms. McKeen is irreplaceable, she will be missed and we all wish her the very best.

## I. Approval of Minutes

### A.1. Regular Minutes

#### Recommendation:

That the School Committee review and approve the minutes of May 25, 2022

Superintendent Nelson recommended the Regular Meeting minutes of May 25, 2022 be held until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### A.2. Executive Session Minutes

#### Recommendation:

That the School Committee review and approve the minutes of May 25, 2022.

Superintendent Nelson recommended the Executive Session minutes of May 25, 2022 be held until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Chairperson April Nye requested at this time that item D – “School Resource Officer Discussion” be moved up for discussion at this time.

Superintendent Nelson stated the following:

*“At our last school committee meeting we had a conversation after acknowledging the tragedy in Texas, regarding our current ongoing efforts regarding school safety. At the end of that conversation, we did talk about an additional conversation in the near future regarding the status of a school resource officer, specifically for Sippican and we have heard from at least two parents during open comments on that particular topic. Additionally, I wanted to acknowledge a number of emails that we have received from parents and guardians within the school community that have been addressed to myself, the school committee members and Chief Nighelli regarding their interest in the school committee considering a future that may include a School Resource Officer.*

*As a result, I have had an initial conversation accompanied by Chairperson Nye and with Chief Nighelli and town leadership, in terms of what that would like – talking about the concerns that we have heard and the responsibility of the school committee that they should have as a public discussion in terms of what their thoughts are in terms of moving forward.*

*To be very clear, we have a strong partnership with the Marion Police Department and I exchange a text message daily with Chief Nighelli, which shows the level of ongoing communication that we have. Chief Nighelli and his Team always answers the call and makes sure that we have the support we need in the moment and even more importantly, providing an ongoing presence whenever they can in our schools.”*

Chairperson Nye opened the floor to the school committee members for discussion and the next steps regarding the SRO.

Superintendent Nelson stated if the will of the school committee is to pursue the option of having an SRO at Sippican School, he noted to the school committee members that currently this position is not budgeted in FY23 to support an SRO. Mr. Nelson stated what the school committee would be discussing tonight is any interest in it that can be shared with the Town Officials and get feedback from them in terms of any possibilities that they could support the school committee with in terms of pursuing.

Chief Nighelli reiterated their partnership is strong with Superintendent Nelson, Principal Sirois, Asst. Principal Crisafulli and Sippican School. Chief Nighelli stated School Safety and having a safe environment for the kids that they can thrive in is important. Chief Nighelli stated they are not budgeted to have an SRO at Sippican, there is a problem with personnel at the department right now and he would have to add additional people to the department to make sure there is shift coverage, but feels as though they could put something together before September, however, they would have to start working fairly quickly. Chief Nighelli stated he is open for any discussions or comments anyone has for him.

Michelle Smith:  
Didn't we have an SRO before?

Chairperson Nye stated there is an SRO at the school – they are certified to be an SRO, but there is not an SRO physically in the building Monday through Friday.

Michelle Smith:  
There was a liaison, and it was a position that she had to apply for. It does not seem as though it is happening as much as it should have been happening as the former Chief put forward.

Chief Nighelli:  
We do have a school liaison officer, but we don't have a traditional school resource officer (someone that is at the school). Officer Sgt. Crosby, who is assigned to the midnight shift is the school liaison, which was done by collective bargaining

Michelle Smith:  
If that is something that was budgeted before and was a position that existed, why didn't that continue to happen?

Chief Nighelli:  
She is still currently the liaison officer - she has conversations with Principal Sirois; she still works overtime during the day; she makes sure that officers go to field day; and, still checks in at the school. Right now, it is a collective effort between the whole day shift. Even though we don't have a "school liaison" per se on the day shift, it has been a collective effort that we encourage the officers to go to the school, to have increased visibility.

Nichole Daniel:  
Can you explain to the community the difference between an SRO and a liaison? I understand that it is not a budget position for all five days and be at school all the time, but can you explain the difference?

Chief Nighelli:  
The liaison is essentially a contact – if the school needs something they can contact the school liaison. Sgt. Crosby goes in sometimes and speaks with Principal Sirois and Asst. Principal Crisafulli, and whatever they need for resources from the police department she makes sure that it gets done. An SRO would be someone at the school all the time – really a part of the school community where the liaison is not.

Nichole Nye McGaffey:  
What is the police response time to Sippican School currently?

Chief Nighelli:  
Within minutes. It depends on where the cruisers are at the time. During the daytime, there are more officers on doing details, and everyone has radio communication on them so it would depend on where they are situated, plus the school is within short distance from the Marion Police Department. We do have administration staff at the police station who could get there quickly as well.

Nichole Nye McGaffey:  
I've done a little research about the budget and who pays for it and I'm curious as to who pays for it? Is there a percentage from the school itself and the police department?

Superintendent Nelson:

Every town has a different arrangement working with the town departments and the town administrator. We had an initial conversation and no decision was made on that. They wanted to know if there was an interest from the school committee at this point. The FY23 Budget does not include an SRO Monday through Friday within it and it doesn't sound like Chief Nighelli has it in his budget either. Taking any action tonight is really just to pursue it as a possibility where I could then, as the agent of the school committee, share that a conversation happened publicly; there was general support from the school committee; and, then I could ask for what avenues there could be for funding. It really is a conversation with town leadership.

Chairperson Nye stated when she opened the meeting for discussion, our conversations here tonight are whether or not we support having an SRO in the school full-time, five days a week and if it moved forward then discussions on how it would be paid for would take place. Ms. Nye stated as a school committee we need to make a decision on whether we want to move forward on it or not.

Nichole Nye McGaffey:

How will it impact current policy and what will the SRO do day-to-day? Obviously if there is something horrific or a tragedy happens, what are they doing on a day-to-day other than building rapport with students? What's their interaction behaviorally with students when an issue arises? How is that going to affect current policy?

Superintendent Nelson stated the State of Massachusetts has recently gone through a pretty intensive revision of an MOU that was drafted by the state that outlines responsibilities and roles of the different players when there are SRO's in the schools. The MOU would have to be executed between the police department and the school district if we were to move in that direction.

Nichole Nye McGaffey:

The MOU had several items in it about response to behavioral things when crimes escalate to certain levels - what would that situation look like? How would behavioral incidents be impacted going forward by police presence in the building.?

Superintendent Nelson stated the police officer would not be there to be monitoring low level behaviors, that would remain the responsibility of the building administration and classroom management would remain the responsibility of the staff members. Mr. Nelson stated for any individual whether a student or an adult, once they have violated a particular law or committed a crime, I would defer to the police officer in terms of when they intervene. Mr. Nelson stated as far as day-to-day operations behaviors in the school would remain under the responsibility of the building administration, faculty and support staff.

Nichole Nye McGaffey:

Would you agree about there being interaction between the building administration and the SRO officer about that level and when it is appropriate and when that level of discussion will take place between building administration and the SRO officer. Are we having only low level of incidents at the school currently? Is that how we classify it?

Superintendent Nelson stated at this point the primary role of the SRO is the safety of the building with the results of the recent shooting in Texas. Mr. Nelson stated this is what he has heard from parents and guardians and the emails that have been received. Mr. Nelson stated the primary concern would be to provide the maximum level of security at Sippican School. Mr. Nelson stated the MOU provides a framework of the roles and responsibilities and have ongoing communication with what is happening in the school. Mr. Nelson stated we would want the SRO to have a positive influence on our students.

Nichole Nye McGaffey:

We have parents who are in favor and there will be parents who are not and we need to explore all of the options and be sure that we are creating positive relationships and have the understanding of the impact to our current policy.

Superintendent Nelson stated his intent is to only have positive interactions and at the end of the day to make sure we do everything we can to insure the safety of everyone in the building. Mr. Nelson reiterated their relationship with the police department has been very positive and they have been extremely respectful in terms of understanding the type of culture that we want to foster, which is primarily the responsibility of teaching and learning.

Michelle Smith:

Would a discussion take place of what it would cost – for example if they are working Monday through Friday what would be our share? When will we talk about that?

Superintendent Nelson stated we would share the outcome of this conversation with the town leadership and then would ask for their feedback in terms of what type of funding resources that we could pursue, or if they are supported. Mr. Nelson stated he would provide any information back to the school committee and continued conversations can take place not only around funding but other questions that has been brought to the school committee.

Chairperson Nye reiterated these are just initial conversations to get this started and to get the sense of whether or not we support continuing the conversations and continuing researching. Ms. Nye stated if we are in agreement and we want to move the conversation forward – then we move it forward.

Nichole Nye McGaffey:

I think it would be important to get public perception about this; get additional feedback from parents; and, have additional conversations with the parents regarding this topic.

MOTION: by Nichole Daniel to continue the discussions regarding an SRO, noting there is interest by the Marion School Committee members

SECOND: Mary Beauregard

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED: 5:0

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey-yes; April Nye - yes

Superintendent Nelson stated he would have a conversation with Chief Nighelli in the next few days and schedule a meeting with town leadership in terms of what next steps should be appropriate and will continue to communicate with the school committee with any developments.

#### IV. General

##### A. Approval of Leases

###### Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval the leases for the 2022-2023 school year – YMCA Lease and Countryside Childcare Center Lease

Mr. Barber noted this lease has an increase of 3%.

MOTION: by Michelle Smith to approve the YMCA Lease as presented.

SECONDED: Nichole Daniel

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED – 5:0

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey-yes; April Nye – yes

Mr. Barber noted the rent is the same as last fiscal year.

MOTION: by Michelle Smith to approve the Countryside Child Care Center’s Lease as presented.

SECONDED: Nichole Nye McGaffey

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED – 5:0

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey-yes; April Nye - yes

## B. Approval of Disposal of Library Materials

### Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval to dispose of library materials – Library Materials

MOTION: by Michelle Smith to approve the disposal of Library Materials as presented

SECONDED: Nichole Daniel

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED – 5:0

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey-yes; April Nye - yes

## C. Approval of Student Handbook Update

### Recommendation:

That the School Committee review for approval a change to the Student Handbook.

Superintendent Nelson stated tonight we are looking for approval of additional language be added to our Student Handbook. Mr. Nelson stated it has been approved by the Mattapoissett and Rochester School Committee members on this particular topic. Mr. Nelson stated earlier in the year the committee approved replacement rates presented by Mr. Barber regarding Chromebooks and other devices and at this time will be presenting a second option.

Mr. Barber stated the replacement fees still remain the same as last year. For example, the replacement of a Chromebook is still \$300.00 and the replacement for a keyboard is still \$50.00. Mr. Barber stated they have been able to look over a few insurance device policies, which would able families, at any point in time during the school year, to purchase this insurance for a \$25.00 flat fee for that school year. Mr. Barber stated if a parent chooses to purchase the policy in August the cost would be \$25.00 and if they chose to purchase the policy in December, it would still be \$25.00 (there will be no pro-rated amounts as we continue into the school year).

Chairperson Nye:

Is the insurance plan for \$25.00 going to be offered at the beginning of the school year and how long is the insurance plan good for?

Mr. Barber stated it would be for that one school year, and if a family had four children, an insurance policy would have to be taken out for each child. Mr. Barber stated it is not \$25.00 per family.



Superintendent Nelson stated it is a volunteer program, families are not required to purchase the insurance policy. Superintendent Nelson stated the other option if a device is broken, would be to follow the “Replacement Schedule” that is already in place

Chairperson Nye:

How are we going to publicize this to families and make this accessible to them later on during the school year? How are we going to continue to promote this to families if they do not purchase it in August?

Mr. Barber stated the technology department will have access to send out this information to all families at the end of this school year as well as again on July 1 (the new fiscal year), and subsequent emails can be sent out by them during the school year. Mr. Barber noted if a family purchases the policy in October, 2022, it does not go until October, 2023 – it would run from October, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – it is just for the fiscal year that we are in.

Chairperson Nye:

Is it possible to have the insurance link posted on Sippican School’s website?

Mr. Barber stated yes and noted the school department will not have any monetary exchanges and that families pay directly to the insurance provider.

Chairperson Nye:

How will we support families in need who can’t afford the \$25.00?

Mr. Barber stated families can always reach out to Superintendent Nelson, their building administration or him if there are situations where families have a financial hardship.

Nichole Daniel:

The family would contact the vendor and not the school to purchase this insurance?

Mr. Barber stated yes.

Nichole Daniel:

The family would also contact the insurance company directly to file a claim?

Mr. Barber stated yes.

Nichole Daniel:

Would like to see the link to the insurance company posted on Sippican’s website.

Superintendent Nelson stated a loaner would be provided and if something were to happen to the loaner, that device would also be covered under the same policy.

Chairperson Nye stated on page lists the typical damages that may occur on the devices. Ms. Nye noted the coverage is for both in school and at home.

Mr. Barber noted this policy covers devices that are broken and in need of repair, not for lost or misplaced items.

Chairperson Nye stated that information needs to be listed on the insurance disclaimer as far as the policy is only for repair/broken usage only that it does not include replacement for lost devices, etc.



Michelle Smith:

Are there stats during COVID of how many devices were really broken. We must have numbers on how many times families lose the devices or the device is broken – I believe the numbers were small.

Mary Beauregard:

Will parents know for each grade level how much a child will actually be using a Chromebook? For instance, Kindergarten pretty much does not use Chromebooks at all they use iPads.

Mr. Barber stated this insurance policy is just for Chromebook usage.

Mary Beauregard:

Will you be able to inform parents ahead of time that this insurance policy is only for Chromebooks? Will parents be notified before school begins what device their child will be using – iPad vs Chromebook?

Superintendent Nelson stated it states it right in the brochure that it is for Chromebooks and noted that it will be made clear that it is only for Chromebooks.

Chairperson Nye stated that Kindergarten and Grade 1 uses iPads.

Superintendent Nelson stated it will be made very clear that Grades 2 through 6 uses Chromebooks and that this insurance is for Chromebooks only.

MOTION: by Nichole Daniel to approve the change to the Student Handbook as presented as long as the insurance plan is explained in detail to parents/families.

SECONDED: Nichole Nye McGaffey

OPPOSED: None

MOTION PASSED – 5:0

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey- yes; April Nye- yes

#### D. School Resource Officer Discussion

##### Recommendation:

That the School Committee have a discussion about a School Resource Officer – See above

#### E. School Improvement Plan Update

##### Recommendation:

That the School Committee hear an update on the School Improvement Plan from Administration

Superintendent Nelson stated we are closing in on year one of a two-year plan and there is no action needed tonight from the school committee. Superintendent Nelson stated it is just to hear an update/progress update from Principal Sirois.

Principal Sirois provided an update on Sippican School SIP Year One Update Spring 2022

##### Strategic Objective 1:

21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning for all Students

Goal: Sippican students will engage in instructional practices that include 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills as well as Project Based Learning.

Principal Sirois stated there were 3 main action steps for this goal for year one – the first was around 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills within project based learning assignments and that each grade level will do at least one; the second was that teachers would document the 4Cs connection within standard-based units

that integrate subject areas – the district as well as Marion did a review this spring of the 4Cs at a staff meeting and noted some of the units already have the 4Cs in them and we will continue to update this work as we complete curriculum updates; and, the third action step was based on Rubicon Atlas and documenting curriculum of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills – this work is ongoing and we anticipate to get our focus back on track with COVID behind us.

### Strategic Objective 2:

#### Social Emotional Learning

Goal: Members of the Sippican School Community will positively support students through engaging them as individuals providing positive behavior supports, continuous feedback, working collaboratively with the community and utilizing school and community resources to ensure safety and security for all members of the school community.

Principal Sirois stated there were 8 main action steps for this goal – the first was to focus on staff and student relationship-building to address social/emotional needs due to the pandemic – this was an ongoing process through the year and we offered Acceleration camps and academies; the second was to update Responsive Classroom rosters working towards 100% trained staff – most new staff were trained and those that weren't will be in the 2022-2023 school year; the third step was continuation of the Kaleidoscope tool to monitor and ensure best practices of Responsive Classroom implementation – a Responsive Classroom consultant came to Sippican and evaluated our school; the fourth step to continue to analyze Panorama data regarding student engagement – data will be collected in the coming weeks and will be reviewed and shared in the fall; fifth step to increase Social Worker position to .6 –we surpassed that already and are at a 1.0 Social Worker that was grant funded this year and we are in the process of filling that position for next year; sixth step to continue to implement and adjust school discipline planning – TLC and specifically the Assistant Principals are working very hard to make sure we have streamline discipline reporting for 2022-2023 school year; seventh step was maintain relevant discipline data, analyze and identify priority areas for improvement and to reinforce the CASEL model – we did CASEL PD in May with the professional staff; eighth step was to conduct annual review of ALICE training – we did a review this past week of the updated ALICE.

Mr. Crisafulli stated if there is a crisis in the building the old model was just sheltering and hiding in the room into a corner away from windows. The new ALICE training is to move to a more reactive model - where staff is encouraged to give more live information as best they can, using a radio/phones and if someone sees an intruder in the building the expectation is that you would talk about where the location might be and defend if you have to if an intruder breaks through a barrier and gets into a room.

Ms. Sirois stated the last goal is to continue implementation of evidence based on SEL Program approach – the SEL program was implemented in Town Meetings with the Specialist Team and we still have some work to do this fall.

### Strategic Objective 3:

#### Global Citizenship

Goal: Understanding that Global Citizenship is the idea that one's identity transcends geography or political borders, and that we, individually, have responsibilities to embrace all members of our community, Sippican School will prepare students for their role in becoming positive agents of change for racial equity in our global society.

Ms. Sirois stated there are four main action steps for this goal –the first to gather links and resources in each curriculum area that provide experiences for global/multicultural learning to add to Atlas Rubicon to support district teachers – we have used the Interactive Read Aloud resources that included global/multicultural awareness and teachers were provided resources for Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month – this is an ongoing process; second step to Create a completely updated curriculum for civics and social studies – we have a draft of this curriculum and it will be reviewed with the Office of Teaching & Learning and hope to have everything in place before the fall report cards;

third step to organize cultural proficiency training for all members of Sippican staff – our school based team met monthly and PD was provided by the district and Sippican staff collaborated with the School Committee’s Equity Sub Committee; and, the fourth step to participate in cultural proficiency work to increase knowledge and understanding of cultures so that all students feel safe and have a sense of belonging – Sippican worked on a One Book One School project this year and the name of the book was Change Sings and every student and staff member participated to celebrate the diversity in our school community.

Nichole Daniel:

Who is responsible of posting things on Rubicon?

Mr. Nelson replied the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning.

#### CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

Chairperson Nye extended a “thank you” to everyone – families, students, teachers, paras, all of our specialists, administration (inside or outside of the building)- everyone who has been involved for the past two years at Sippican in general. Ms. Nye stated COVID was very trying for a lot of people in many different ways and the way we started the school year is nothing to how we are ending the year – it’s great to see kids happy and seeing field day today (seeing the students laugh, running around and having fun); and, having classes go on field trips. Ms. Nye stated with COVID moving behind us (we know it is still here) she is excited towards looking into the future and to see what is next at Sippican. Ms. Nye stated she is happy to see old traditions coming back and is personally excited. Ms. Nye stated even though she no longer has a sixth grader at Sippican, she is excited to be involved with Sippican and with this school committee. Ms. Nye thanked everyone for getting through this and continuing to strive to benefit the children – at the end of the day, that is what matters, the children.

#### CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

Superintendent Nelson stated we are in a time of recognition for so many reasons and extended a “thank you” to the teacher’s association at Sippican School as well as the support staff. Mr. Nelson stated Sippican School is another special place within our school district and they showed it once again how they made teaching and learning work for our students.

Mr. Nelson extended a “thank you” for the ongoing support to the school committee and noted we quickly forget that school committee members are volunteers and for the most part people do not know how many sub-committee meetings and actions that are needed from the members.

Mr. Nelson stated our Title 1,2,4 Audit came back with no findings and a lot of work went into it with Dr. Pearson-Campbell’s leadership. Mr. Nelson stated Dr. Pearson-Campbell recognized the great work of our new teachers who joined us this year; the new Teacher Induction Program; and, all of the mentors at the end of the year celebration

Mr. Nelson stated we are extremely excited to take the summer and reflect and strategize, in terms of next year, what it will look like and noted he has no doubt the benchmarks will be met that have been set.

Mr. Nelson provided an update on the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning search and noted the school community has once again volunteered their time and has been able to put together a hiring committee that aligns with the policy set by the Joint School Committee – it consists of Administration, Teachers, Support Staff, Parents, School Committee Board Members from all four districts. Mr. Nelson stated the committee identified two finalists and noted we are in the process of conducting site visits in the school systems they are presently at this week, and the candidates will visit our school district next week at which time there will be opportunities for parents, teachers, support staff as well as town officials the opportunity to meet and ask any questions to the candidates, and we will ask the candidates to visit all six of our schools. Mr. Nelson stated he will gather all of the information, consider all the data points, etc., and it is his intention to make a recommendation to the Joint School Committee on June 27.

Craig Davidson – Director of Student Services

Mr. Davidson stated Sippican’s Grade 6 teachers have worked collaboratively with the Jr. High School’s staff in the transition process from Grade 6 to 7 and Sippican’s Grade 6 students visited the JHS and had the opportunity to meet the JHS staff.

Mr. Davidson stated the summer extended day program (an enrichment program) which is addition to the summer S.A.I.L. program, is going to take place and all students from Sippican School Grades K-6 are eligible to attend this program. Mr. Davidson stated this program will focus on social/emotional well-being and academic growth. The program will be offered Tuesday through Thursday 12:00pm-3:30pm. beginning on July 5 and run through August 11.

Nichole Daniel:

Has there been any word on the Acceleration Academy for this summer?

Mr. Davidson stated we are still waiting on the Department of Education.

#### PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Principal Sirois extended a “thank you” to all of Sippican’s staff for their dedication this year as well as the community at large for supporting all of our students and staff this year.

- Sippican School hosted the Senior Parade for the Marion High School Senior students; students cheered; the Jazz band played; and, the seniors and their parents had the opportunity to see all of the class pictures from Project Grow through Sixth Grade – it was a memorable day for all
- Field days took place
- A parade and breakfast took place for our VASE members – (Ms. Sirois extended a “thank you” to April Nye and Christina Bonney who have “aged out” of the everyday happenings with VASE
- Grade 6 went to the Vineyard – students, parents and staff enjoyed walking the island, having a picnic lunch and learning about the carousel
- PE mini golf is back! – students enjoyed improving their putting and focusing on the elusive hole in one
- Vocabulary Day took place – thanks again to Paula McKeen and Corinha Raznikov
- School Council will meet next week to review Year 2 of the School Improvement Plan – Ms. Sirois extended a “thank you” to everyone involved again this year
- The Kindness Crew under the leadership of Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. Kirk has been instrumental in spreading kindness and leading by example
- Grade 4 had their spring concert and Grades 5 and 6 will take place next week – the marching band performed at the Memorial Day Parade

#### VIII. School Committee

##### A. Committee Reports

##### 1. Budget Sub-Committee:

Superintendent Nelson stated the following:

- FY23 Budge was approved

##### 2. Building Committee – has not met

##### 3. ORR District School Committee

Michelle Smith stated they meet next week

4. SMEC

Michelle Smith stated they met on June 14 and reported the following:

- Did a second reading on the Budget – approved the Budget
- Accepted and received resignations and appointments
- Tuitions were approved
- DESE Audit had great results

5. Early Childhood Council – has not met

6. READS

Superintendent Nelson stated they met on June 2 and reported the following:

- Discussed FY22 closeout
- Planning for FY23 Budget
- Appointing staff for the summer programs
- Accepted resignations and retirements for this fiscal year
- Did some light policy work
- Heard an update from the Special Ed Administrator

7. Tri-Town Education Foundation – has not met

8. Policy Sub Committee – has not met

9. School Council

Principal Sirois already reported on this during her Principal’s Report.

10. Equity Sub-Committee

Mary Beauregard stated they meet on June 22

B: School Committee Re-Organization:

Recommendation:

That the School Committee re-organize for the 2022-2023 school year.

Superintendent Nelson accepted nominations for the Marion School Committee Chairperson FY22-23

MOTION: by Nichole Daniel to elect April Nye as Chairperson for the Marion School Committee FY23

SECONDED: Mary Beauregard

Superintendent Nelson asked Ms. Nye if she were to be appointed if she would accept the position – Ms. Nye stated yes – there were no other nominations for the Chairperson position

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey - yes; April Nye- yes

IN FAVOR: 5:0

OPPOSED: NONE

MOTION PASSED

Chairperson Nye accepted nominations for the Marion School Committee Vice-Chairperson FY22-23

MOTION: by April Nye to elect Nichole Daniel as Vice-Chairperson for the Marion School Committee FY23

SECONDED: Mary Beauregard

Chairperson Nye asked Ms. Daniel if she were to be appointed if she would accept the position – Ms. Daniel stated yes – there were no other nominations for the Vice-Chairperson position

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey-yes; April Nye- yes

IN FAVOR: 5:0  
OPPOSED: NONE  
MOTION PASSED

Superintendent Nelson recommended Diana Russo for School Committee Secretary

MOTION: by April Nye to elect Diana Russo as School Committee Secretary  
SECONDED: Michelle Smith  
IN FAVOR: 5:0  
OPPOSED: NONE  
MOTION PASSED

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey-yes; April Nye- yes

Superintendent Nelson recommended Diana Russo for Recording Secretary and Toni Bailey as an alternate

MOTION: by April Nye to elect Diana Russo for Recording Secretary and Toni Bailey as alternate  
SECOND: Nichole Daniel  
IN FAVOR: 5:0  
OPPOSED: NONE  
MOTION PASSED

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey – yes; April Nye- yes

The following positions were discussed:

ORR District School Committee: Michelle Smith

Mass. School Supt. Union No. 55: Nichole Daniel  
Mary Beauregard  
Nichole Nye McGaffey

Building Committee: April Nye  
Nichole Nye McGaffey

READS: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent

Sick Leave Bank: Mary Beauregard  
Michelle Smith

SMEC: Michelle Smith

Early Childhood Advisory Council: Nichole Daniel

Sole Signatory: April Nye  
Nichole Daniel

MASC Delegate/Legislative Liaison:	Mary Beauregard
Budget Subcommittee:	Michelle Smith April Nye
School Physician:	Dr. Reynolds/Dr. Mendes
Policy Review Subcommittee:	Mary Beauregard
Tri-Town Education Foundation Committee:	Nichole Daniel
Town Liaison:	April Nye
Superintendent's Goals Subcommittee:	Michelle Smith Nichole Daniel
Equity Sub-Committee	Mary Beauregard

MOTION: by Nichole Daniel to vote on all of the Sub-Committee positions as presented.  
 SECONDED: Michelle Smith  
 IN FAVOR: 5:0  
 OPPOSED: NONE  
 MOTION PASSED

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey – yes; April Nye- yes

IX. Future Business

A. Timeline

The next meeting(s) of Committee will be held as follows:

<u>Marion School Committee</u>	<u>Joint School Committee</u>
September 14, 2022 @ 6:30pm	June 27, 2022 @ 6:30pm
Hybrid	Hybrid

Nichole Daniel:

Regarding the Facilities Report – has the emergency access road been completed?

Superintendent Nelson stated the following:

- Around the emergency road specifically, the second pavement has been completed
- A training is in the process to be scheduled on how to remove the barriers early next week
- Recently met with town officials, Mr. Jones and Mr. Leonardo regarding the next steps for the playground – good news we are not only going to work on putting the playground up, but also adding an addition (the inclusive pieces)
- We are talking about additional one-time funding opportunities in a budget that will support that work
- Once that proposal is completed and approved by the key players, this committee will be given the specifics and it will be shared with the entire school community so that parent/guardians are aware of it

Chairperson Nye thanked the families for their patience regarding the access road. Ms. Nye stated it was a necessity, it needed to get put in, COVID pushed everything back which bumped out the timeline. Ms. Nye extended a “thank you” to the Town of Marion for getting it done with the focus of keeping the children safe.



#### Facilities Director's Report: June 2022

- Emergency access road completed
- Trainings have been scheduled on how to remove the barriers
- Town DPW and contractor to re-install pre-existing back playground
- Requesting bids for new back playground addition
- Attended Emergency Management Table Top Exercise with Town Departments
- COVID-19 protocols still in effect for HVAC, Cleaning and Sanitizing
- Conducted routine maintenance on all facility systems

#### Food Service's Report: June 2022

- Meal participation continue to remain steady
- There is no official update regarding the extension of USDA Waivers for free meals for FY23
- Waivers are set to expire on June 30, 2022

#### Future Agenda Items

- Further discussion on SRO (September)
- Initial Budget Review (January)
- Budget Public Hearing (April)
- Budget Approval (April)
- School Choice Public Hearing (May)
- Administrator Contracts (May)
- School Committee Re-organization (June)

#### X. Open Comments

Superintendent Nelson stated the Joint School Committee developed a policy for "Open Comments", noting Open Comments section will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes unless additional time is approved by the Chairperson, and individuals are given three (3) minutes to speak. Mr. Nelson stated each individual needs to put their names into the comment section with their full name and address, and they will recognize. Mr. Nelson stated the school committee members takes the comment(s)/question(s) very seriously and they will go on record and it is not necessary for the school committee members to respond to any questions/comments. Mr. Nelson noted if someone wants to speak more than once, they need to be recognized by the Chairperson. Mr. Nelson stated for the public's knowledge, any questions or comments that are added to the chat will not be answered or responded to or be part of the minutes because they have not been recognized by the Chairperson per the approved policy that governs Open Comment.

#### Noelle Stork - 57 Stoney Run Marion

Ms. Stork stated she came on the call because she wanted to know what was being said regarding the School Resource Officer. Ms. Stork thanked the school committee for listening to the parents and that the committee did not waste any time is addressing the issue. Ms. Stork thanked the Chief of Police for coming in on the call and being an active party in this as well. Ms. Stork said she has had many parents come to her, as well as staff from Sippican who thanked her for speaking up on this matter. Ms. Stork stated she is here representing her family and their strong desire for an SRO. Ms. Stork stated she has spoken to many community members as well, and there is definitely a strong desire to have an SRO at Sippican School.

#### XI. Information Items

##### LIST OF DOCUMENTS USED AT THE MEETING

Marion School Committee Meeting Agenda – June 15, 2022

YMCA Lease

Countryside Lease

Library Material's List  
Student Handbook Update – Student Fees  
Principal's Report – June 13, 2022  
Food Service Director's Report – June 2022  
Facilities Director's Report – June 2022  
READS Collaborative Quarterly Report

Nichole Nye McGaffey:

Inquiring about the meeting minutes - there is a law on the books that we are required to approve meeting minutes within three meeting sessions, which includes sub-committee meetings within 30 days. Ms. There is concern about violation of public meeting law for not approving those minutes.

Superintendent Nelson stated he will schedule any meeting that is necessary to approve the meeting minutes within the Open Meeting Law.

MOTION: by Nichole Daniel to adjourn the regular Marion School Committee meeting at 8:20pm  
SECONDED: Michelle Smith  
IN FAVOR: 5:0  
OPPOSED: None  
MOTION PASSED

Roll Call: Nichole Daniel – yes; Mary Beauregard – yes; Michelle Smith – yes; Nichole Nye McGaffey – yes; April Nye- yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni M. Bailey, Recording Secretary