

**ROCHESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
ROCHESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
16 Pine Street, Rochester, MA. 02770**

**MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2020**

PRESENT:

Committee Members:

Sharon Hartley – Chairperson

Tina Rood

Danni Kleiman

Anne Fernandes – Vice Chairperson

Robin Rounseville

ALSO PRESENT:

Other Attendees:

Dr. Douglas White – Superintendent

Derek Medeiros - Principal

Michael S. Nelson – Assistant Superintendent

Charles West – Assistant Principal

Grace Belanger – Sippican Week

ORCTV – Present

Lori Walsh – Recording Secretary

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 5:30 P.M.

Chairperson Hartley made it known that the meeting is being recorded. Chairperson Hartley spoke to the Committee about this being Educator week as well as Nurses week. She stated that she was on the website Six Mix and noticed they had posted some poems related to COVID-19. The Students were asked to write a poem about the professionals dealing with Coronavirus. Chairperson Hartley read one of the poems to the Committee from Twin Perry called “Silent Hero’s”. Chairperson Hartley thanked Twin Perry for writing the poem and to Six Mix for posting the poem. She also thanked Mr. Medeiros for creating a vimeo each week and the one this week was about empathy.

APPROVE MINUTES – APRIL 2, 2020

Anne Fernandes made a motion to approve the minutes for April 2, 2020.

Danny Kleiman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE

Dr. White stated that the lunch and breakfast program continues and there have been 5,936 meals given to the children. Jill Henessey has worked very hard on this program and has found some funding to give back to this program and has received \$15,000 to put back into it. Looking into keep it going through the Summer but not sure for now.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Dr. White told the Committee that Jean is going a good job keeping the facilities clean and sanitized especially the kitchen after breakfast and lunch is done. They will need to start Summer cleaning soon.

Dr. White also stated that they will need staff to come in and pick up their materials at some point.

Discussion ensued with the Committee Members.

Derek Medeiros stated that on May 25th, grade 6 from 10-2 they can come by the School and get their things. They will be packed up for them, they just have to drive up and pick them up. Then we will sanitize as necessary.

REMOTE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

Michael Nelson spoke to the Committee regarding phase III for remote learning opportunities. School will be closed through June 18th and continue as remote learning. Grades K-12 will be ready for the next grade level. Mr. Nelson also stated that they will be reaching out to families with a synchronizing weekly learning tool. If they do not make the meeting, they can access the meeting at a later time. Parents and guardians will have a weekly remote plan on what the Students will be learning that week. There will be upcoming Team Meetings. They will reach out to all students and families about virtual Team meetings. Special Educators reached out to the families right when this all started. Students turning 3 years old, we have made a decision that we would recognize their EI plan and evaluate them according to their EI plan.

Derek Medeiros showed the Committee a copy of the IEP plan. Showed a break down of the plan. There are 7 sections for the parents to review.

Chairperson Hartley stated that question about recording. If Students need help with the recording, is there help available for them?

Michael Nelson stated they have a privacy statement for liasons and parents that states no recording live segments when they interact with their Teachers. Screen pacify works well with google suite and it would not only offer Technical support but professional development down the line.

Derek Medeiros played a video for the Committee on the Remote Learning Experience and information for Students and Parents. Video goes out every Friday. Other activities, Calendar of weekly zoom meetings, video's for the kids to watch and then a question and answer afterwards. Weeks and dates on the left to click on and do their work. Also a Physical Education page.

Dr. White stated we have given out just under 500 chrome books.

Derek Medeiros stated that the parents are helping them with asynchronis video's. He also stated that he is proud of the work the Teachers are doing. The Staff and families and the Paraprofessionals.

Michael Nelson explained to the Committee that there is a Panarama Social Emotional Survey. Just released the new survey. As we are entering into Phase III we will get into such surveys.

Derek Medeiros stated that they could print out the surveys if the families have no means to do so. They have zoom meetings with Staff on a daily basis to keep them up to date.

Dr. White asked about giving the Parents and students feedback about where they are and how they are doing.

Derek Medeiros stated that Google Classroom is great because the Teachers can provide feedback through the google classroom to the Students and Parents.

Michael Nelson spoke to the Committee about a Remote Learning grade form and showed it to the Committee.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE DATES FOR 2021 – FIRST THURSDAY

First Thursday of every month. Sept. 3, 2020

Robin Rounseville made a motion for the first meeting for 2021 School year to be Sept. 3, 2020.

Danny Klein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

SCHOOL CHOICE VOTE

Anne Fernandes make a motion to not participate in the School Choice vote for 2020-2021.

Danny Klein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. White spoke about the Financial Report and stated that we were in very good shape.

He also stated that we should have a meeting with the Budget Sub-Committee to find out what the best way to utilize the balance of the funds left over. Discussion ensued with the Committee.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT

All set.

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Dr. White stated he sat in on the Commissioner's meeting and listened to some of the things that are going on. The Commissioner emphasized the fact that we are deepening the learning with the remote learning. End of year Data. Will provide guidance and deadlines. The Superintendants level of the Teachers Evaluations. Graduation has moved to August. Also waiting on guidance from the Governor for Summer Learning.

Mr. Nelson stated that we are continue to plan until we have recommendations from the Governor.

Dr. White stated that FY2021 chapter 70 numbers still waiting. June 18th is the last day of School.

Working on a reentry plan.

Michael Nelson spoke to the Committee about Rochester Memorial and the Staff members had their transition meeting on zoom and their virtual and remote meeting with the Teachers.

Mr. Medieros

Thanked the cafeteria staff and will continue the vimeo videos. Having weekly meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE – Need dates for meetings.

SMEC – Last meeting about leases with one on hold – Lease several old classrooms. Next meeting June 01, 2020

READS – Met this morning. Went over remote learning model.

TRI-TOWN FOUNDATION – NOT MET

EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL – NOT MET

ADJOURNMENT

Tina Rood Made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Danny Klein seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.