

Monomoy Regional School District - Monomoy Regional School Committee
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Monomoy Regional High School Library, 75 Oak Street, Harwich, MA 02645

This meeting was broadcast to Channel 22 as well as live-streamed/recorded to the [MRSC YOUTUBE CHANNEL](#)

Members present: Betty Gray; Tina Games; Ryan Clarke; Meredith Henderson; Jackie Zibrat-Long; Brad Schiff

Members not present: Jessica Rogers

Administrators present: Dr. Scott Carpenter, Superintendent; Dr. Robin Millen; Michael MacMillan; Melissa Maguire; Joy Jordan

A. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Dr. Carpenter.

B. Vote for Chair, Vice Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee

Dr. Carpenter called for a motion to nominate a new Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee.

MOTION: Tina Games moved to nominate Betty Gray as the new Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

Chair Betty Gray then called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

MOTION: Ryan Clarke nominated Tina Games as Vice-Chair of the Monomoy Regional School Committee, seconded by Jackie Zibrat-Long.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

C. MRHS Student Representative

MRHS Senior Talia Perez shared her final report of the 23-24 school year. Some highlights included the seniors final exams, the senior 'walk-through' and spirit week. Miss Perez noted the completion of AP exams and also the Spring Concert. Miss Perez continued to note other events such as the Hope Squad, to support mental health awareness and the MRHS Cultural Festival.

MRHS Senior Kristina Tamasco and School Council Representative to the School Committee also shared her parting thoughts with the committee.

D. Public Comment: Harwich resident and Harwich Children's Fund member Sheila House shared that Circus Smirkus will be performing on July 17th & 18th this summer and invited committee members to attend.

E. Reports and Discussions

i. Welcome new School Committee members

New Chatham representative Brad Schiff was welcomed to the committee. The committee will also welcome new Harwich representative Bre Rose once she is sworn in.

ii. Feedback Presentation: Quebec/Montreal, Canada Trip - April 2024

MRHS World Language teachers Pauline Linnell and Laine Kotoski shared feedback of their April 2024 trip to Quebec with the committee. The teachers expressed their appreciation to the committee for having

approved the trip and looked forward to traveling again to Canada in the future. In discussion, committee members also shared their thanks and encouragement with the teachers especially for providing a culturally rich yet affordable trip for students.

iii. Latino Festival on Cape Cod at MRHS - Fall 2024

World Language teachers Claudio Berbeo and Laine Kotoski shared their vision and plans to host the first Latino Festival in the fall of 2024. The goal is to hold the festival at the MRHS in various spaces that will have different latino-based themes, foods, cultural items and end with a soccer tournament on the front field. In discussion, members expressed support of the plan and offered suggestions for next steps.

iv. SEPAC Presentation

Stephanie Goley from the Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) reviewed the council's purpose, mission, training, and future plans. Ms. Goley also shared highlights from the Special Education Services survey, which yielded 50 responses from families (down from 89 in 2022). In discussion, Ms. Goley did note some difficulty in getting more involvement from families and reviewed the actions taken to try to get more parent/caregiver engagement.

v. Donation from MRHS to Sharing Kindness

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the MRHS National Honor Society donation in the amount of \$1000.00 to Sharing Kindness. The motion was seconded by Ryan Clarke.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

vi. Subcommittee preferences - due by June 1, 2024

Chair Betty Gray presented the subcommittee sign up sheet with the members asking for folks to submit their committee preferences by June 1, 2024. Once collected, members will be assigned accordingly and the 24-25 subcommittee list will be presented to the full committee for review.

vii. Setting MRSC summer meeting schedule

Via general consensus, committee members agreed on three dates for their summer schedule:

Thursday, July 11, 2024, Wednesday, July 31, 2024 (as a workshop) and Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

F. Subcommittee, Representative, Liaison Reports - None

G. Superintendent's Report

i. Recognition of Donations, Grants, and other Acknowledgments

Dr. Carpenter shared the following recognitions:

On June 6th, Monomoy will be hosting the All Cape Special Olympics Game Day. We are projected to have approximately 550 athletes which is our largest group. Students from Barnstable HS, Centerville Elementary, Bourne Middle/High School, The CC Collaborative, D-Y, Nantucket, Nauset HS, Mashpee HS and Falmouth will be participating in the games. The theme this year is Candy Land ~ Land of Kindness. The SAIL and SHORE kids have been very busy creating an amazing event. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9.30am with the Parade of Athletes around track, National Anthem, Special Olympics Oaths and Torch Ceremony, and then the Declaration of Games Open!

Earlier this week, we collaborated with the District Attorney's Office and Children's Cove to hold a Cyber Safety Summit for parents, caregivers, and educators. There was a great deal of helpful information shared about how we can all help our young people learn how to safely navigate technology and social media. The event was recorded and is posted on our website, for those who were unable to attend.

Chatham Elementary School held its annual Fun Run yesterday, with lots of support from families, businesses, and local organizations. The event celebrated sportsmanship, fitness, and friendship, with lots of high fives and supportive cheers for the runners.

ii. Reporting out: Chatham Town Meeting

Dr. Carpenter shared that at Chatham Town Meeting on May 13, 2024, the FY25 assessment, the \$2.5 million siding project for the middle school, and the MRHS pressbox were all approved.

H. Action Items - Vote Required

i. Second Reading of Policy Files: IJNDC - Technology Acceptable Use; KDC - Community Use of Digital Resources; KDCB - District Website & Social Media

On behalf of the Policy Subcommittee, Betty Gray presented these policies for a second reading and approval vote. No edits were suggested.

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to approve the policies as presented in the agenda packets. The motion was seconded by Meredith Henderson.

UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

ii. Donation from MRHS to Sharing Kindness

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UNANIMOUS the motion passes.

I. Presentation of the Warrants

Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants were presented for school committee member signatures.

J. Adjourn

MOTION: Jackie Zibrat-Long moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ryan Clarke.

UNANIMOUS the meeting adjourns at 7.59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah Tambolleo
Recording Secretary