

BRISTOL-PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Present:	Karen Guenette	Absent:	Joseph Pacheco
	Cheryl Carlsen		Frank Martell
	Kristin Wood		Michael Dolan
	Amy Slavin		Alexis Frye
	Jennifer Rego		Michelle Johnson
			Marina Dasilva

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 am.

Approval of Minutes:

Karen requested a motion to approve the October 2, 2024 meeting minutes. Cheryl Carlsen motioned, and Kristin Wood seconded. Minutes were accepted as written.

Early Release Days:

We have two early release days coming in November. Thursday, November 14th, for parent-teacher conferences and Wednesday, November 27th before Thanksgiving recess. Dismissal will be at noon after all lunch shifts.

Kristin asked what time teachers will be dismissed on November 27th.

Karen said she doesn't have the authority to make that determination, but historically it's been around 12:30 once all the kids have cleared out.

Amy said she thought early dismissal was at 11:00 am.

Karen said in the state of MA, we technically don't get credit for the day if we don't serve lunch which is why we moved the dismissal time to 12:00 pm so we can get through all lunch shifts.

Holiday/No School:

There will be no school on Monday, November 11th, for Veteran's Day and Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th, for Thanksgiving Recess.

Advisory Board Update:

The School Advisory Board will be meeting tonight after the School Committee meeting.

Term 1 Report Cards:

Term 1 ended ended last Friday, November 1st.

Parent/Teacher Conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences are on Thursday, November 14th. They will be broken down into 2 sessions. The first session will run from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm, and the second session will run from 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Conferences will occur in 5-minute increments. Karen suggested one thing the BPTA may want to bring to the negotiation table would be to have academic and vocational conferences on different days. Vocational teachers don't even know which freshmen will be placed in their shop yet so it would make more sense to have vocational conferences in February or March.

Kristin noted that she only has one parent signed up for conferences.

MSBA Update:

As of now, our MSBA new school building project is coming in 25% under budget. The structure of the roof is almost done, and the brick has been selected. It is almost fully enclosed, and then they will start working on the inside. They may bring heaters in as the weather gets colder to get as much work done as possible. The Metal Fabrication and Plumbing shops have had the opportunity to tour the new building, and next week, Electrical, Carpentry, and HVAC will get to take a tour.

Kristin asked if we have a moving plan for transitioning from our current building to the new building.

Karen said for us to receive our occupancy permit, we need to start to uproot and install equipment from our current building to the new building in the months leading up to April 2026. Our shops may not have any of the current equipment that will be transferred to the new building for the last 8 weeks of school in 2026.

Guidance:

The annual Career Showcase, where 10th graders present to 9th graders about the different shops, will be in the gym on December 13th.

SRO LaPlante Activities:

The annual Powder Puff football game will take place at Hopewell Park on Wednesday, November 20th, at 6 p.m., and adult volunteers are needed for the event. The Performing Arts group will be selling snacks during the game. Additionally, a newly introduced Powder Puff volleyball game is scheduled for Thursday, November 21st, at 2:30 p.m. in the gymnasium, with the NHS providing snacks for attendees. Lastly, there's an upcoming Celtics game, on December 4th, where students have the chance to be selected by submitting essays.

Community Service Club:

The Community Service Club is hosting the annual B-P Fall Crafty Fair on Saturday, November 23, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the gymnasium. This popular event is always well attended and promises a day full of creativity and community spirit.

NHS and NTHS:

The NTHS induction ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Jackie will be attending. The NHS induction ceremony has already taken place.

Open:

Amy suggested revising the NHS by-laws to raise the GPA requirement from 3.0 to 3.5, aligning with other districts. Amy plans to present this proposal to the faculty council, noting that even with a 3.5 GPA threshold, about 170 students would still qualify. Additional changes discussed include adding a clause about avoiding AI usage in letters, requiring community service per term, and mandating attendance at a certain number of meetings unless excused for school-related reasons.

Kristin brought up the recent announcement that we can't hang anything on the walls and suggested we put more bulletin boards.

Karen confirmed that maintenance requested avoiding taping items to walls due to the time needed for cleanup and asked if anyone had any suggestions for bulletin board locations.

Kristin suggested the academic bathroom hall by the cafeteria, and Jennifer suggested the space between the doors where students wait before school.

With no other business to discuss, Karen requested a motion to adjourn. Cheryl Carlsen motioned, and Kristin Wood seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.