

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

May 5, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Members Present: Michelle Smith, Chairperson (remote), Rosemary Bowman (remote), Frances-Feliz Kearns (remote), Margaret McSweeney (remote), Matthew Monteiro (remote), James Muse (remote), April Nye (in-person), Robin Rounseville (remote) and Joseph Pires (remote).

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools and Melissa Wilcox, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by Chairperson Smith. Chairperson Smith made the following statement: *This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format. School Committee, Administrators and public will have the option of meeting via zoom.*

V. General

A. Approval of Grant(s)

Recommendation:

That the School Committee review the following: A grant in the amount of \$500 from the Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee to Elizabeth Kennedy for the 10th & 11th grade field trip to Cape Cod Museum of Natural History and a grant in the amount of \$500 from the Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee to Karen Browning for the Native Garden Project.

Superintendent Nelson thanked the school committee for coming together as one of these donations is for an upcoming field trip.

MOTION to accept the two grants from the Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee for \$500 each as presented

MOTION by Ms. Nye

MOTION Seconded by Mr. Monteiro

MOTION PASSED 9-0

ROLL CALL: Smith; yes, Bowman; yes, Kearns; yes, McSweeney; yes, Monteiro; yes, Muse; yes, Nye; yes, Pires; yes, Rounseville; yes

MOTION to adjourn at 12:05 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Muse

MOTION Seconded by Ms. Kearns

MOTION PASSED 9-0

ROLL CALL: Smith; yes, Bowman; yes, Kearns; yes, McSweeney; yes, Monteiro; yes, Muse; yes, Nye; yes, Pires; yes, Rounseville; yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Wilcox

Recording Secretary

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Marion – Mattapoisett - Rochester, Massachusetts
May 5, 2025 at 12:00pm

Hybrid Format

Zoom LINK:

<https://oldrochester-org.zoom.us/j/92931925429?pwd=QaYzIbTeg9Y3RwqQrLBe2735oAO7bk.1>

Meeting ID: 929 3192 5429

Passcode: 269294

This meeting will be conducted via zoom.

MEETING TO ORDER

RECOGNITION

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Regular Meeting
 - B. Executive Session
 - C. Budget Subcommittee
 - D. Facilities Subcommittee
- II. Consent Agenda
- III. Agenda Items Pending
- IV. Special Topic Report
- V. **General**
 - A. **Approval of Grant(s)**
- VI. New Business
 - A. Policy Review
 - B. Curriculum
 - C. Business
 - 1. Financial Report
 - 2. Record of Warrant(s)
 - 3. Food Service Report
 - 4. Facilities Report
 - 5. Budget Transfers
 - D. Personnel
- VI. Unfinished Business

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

CENTRAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

- VII. School Committee
 - A. Reorganization
 - B. Committee Reports
 - 1. Budget Subcommittee
 - 2. District Agreement Committee
 - 3. Equity Subcommittee
 - 4. Facilities Committee
 - 5. Local School Committee
 - 6. Policy Subcommittee
 - 7. SMEC
 - 8. Tri-Town Education Foundation Fund
 - 9. MASC
 - 10. Wellness Program Committee
- VIII. Future Business
 - A. Timeline
 - B. Future Agenda Items

- IX. Open Comments
 - X. Information Items
 - XI. Executive Session
- ADJOURNMENT**

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Marion – Mattapoisett – Rochester, Massachusetts

TO: Old Rochester Regional District School Committee
FROM: Michael S. Nelson, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: April 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Agenda Items

The following items are on the agenda of May 5, 2025.

V. General

A. Approval of Grant(s)

Recommendation:

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- A grant in the amount of \$500 from the Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee to Elizabeth Kennedy for the 10th & 11th grade field trip to Cape Cod Museum of Natural History.
- A grant in the amount of \$500 from the Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee to Karen Browning for the Native Garden Project.

If you have any questions regarding any of these recommendations, please feel free to call me.

From: **MLT.Education** <mattlandtrust.education@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 8:15 AM

Subject: MLT Education Committee Educator Grant Award

To: <elizabethkennedy@oldrochester.org>, <michaeldevoll@oldrochester.org>, MLT Treasurer <treasurer@mattlandtrust.org>, <howiebarber@oldrochester.org>, MLT.Education <mattlandtrust.education@gmail.com>

Dear Elizabeth,

Thank you for your Educator Grant application to the Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee. We are excited to be a part of this amazing field trip for the 10th and 11th graders and are pleased to award you \$500 for the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History field trip.

With this notification, we have included the ORR Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations who will schedule the project review by the School Committee. This review may take up to 30 days. Once approved, your principal will notify you that the funds are available. You will then follow the district procurement system to access those funds. At this time, teacher reimbursement for expenses is not an option due to ORR School District regulations.

As a condition of this funding grant, the MLT Education Committee requires all awardees submit a final report. You will receive a separate email detailing the requirements of the final report in a few weeks. Additionally, you are required to publicize the project by creating a short flyer or the like for inclusion in the principal's monthly newsletter or school social media and for publication by the MLT. Any shared materials for this project must include the Mattapoisett Land Trust, Rochester Cultural Council, and Massachusetts Cultural Council logos (attached to this email and available on our grant application website). This includes social media posts, articles, flyers, and any communication with parents such as email, permission slips, and school digital bulletin boards. Any written material should include acknowledgement that this project was funded by the Mattapoisett Land Trust, the Rochester Cultural Council, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Please respond to this email to confirm that you have received it. We would also appreciate periodic updates on the project – such as when you receive approval from the School Committee, and when you have scheduled the field trip. If possible, several of the MLT Education Committee members would like to attend (at our expense) the field trip to observe the students actively engaged in this program.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please let us know.

We appreciate your interest in working with the MLT Education Committee and we look forward to hearing how the student experiences connected them with science and nature!

Sincerely, Mary Cabral and Wendy Copps
Co-Chairs MLT Education Committee

Awardee Name: Elizabeth Kennedy
Project Name: Cape Cod Museum of Natural History Field Trip
School Name: ORRHS
Grant #: FY25-MLTED-03
Grant Amount: \$500
Date of MLT Approval: 3/26/2025

From: **MLT.Education** <mattlandtrust.education@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 8:05 AM
Subject: MLT Education Committee Educator Grant Award
To: Karen Browning <karenbrowning@oldrochester.org>, <michaeldevoll@oldrochester.org>, <howiebarber@oldrochester.org>, MLT Treasurer <treasurer@mattlandtrust.org>, MLT.Education <mattlandtrust.education@gmail.com>

Dear Karen,

Thank you for your Educator Grant application to the Mattapoissett Land Trust Education Committee. We are excited to be a part of this amazing experience for the ORRHS students and are pleased to award you \$500 for the Native Garden project.

With this email notification, we have included the ORR Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations who will schedule the project review by the School Committee. This review may take up to 30 days. Once approved, your principal will notify you that the funds are available. You will then follow the district procurement system to access those funds. At this time, teacher reimbursement for expenses is not an option due to ORR School District regulations.

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Please respond to this email to confirm that you have received it. We would also appreciate periodic updates on the project – such as when you receive approval from the School Committee, and when you have a schedule of days the students will be working on the garden. If possible, several of the MLT Education Committee would like to observe the students actively engaged in this project.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please let us know.

We appreciate your interest in working with the MLT Education Committee and we look forward to hearing how the student experiences connected them with science and nature!

Sincerely, Mary Cabral and Wendy Copps
Co-Chairs MLT Education Committee

Awardee Name: Karen Browning
Project Name: Native Garden
School Name: ORRHS
Grant #: FY25-MLTED-09
Grant Amount: \$500
Date of MLT Approval: 3/26/2025