

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 22, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bueno, Mr. Veitch, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Monroe, Mr. Andersen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Kuechler, absent with prior notice

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Kohler, Mrs. Potter, Ms. Bouchard

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OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the community and staff

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:30pm.

Mr. Monroe went over the recording policies of the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

There was a roll call of committee members: Mr. Andersen, Mr. Bueno, Mr. Veitch, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Monroe

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from August 25, 2021 was made by Mr. Bueno, seconded by Mr. Veitch. The Committee determined that they did not have enough members for the motion to be made as Mr. Andersen and Ms. McKenna would need to abstain due to their absence from the meeting on August 25. A motion to table the minutes until Ms. Kucheler returns was made by Mr. Bueno, seconded by Mr. Veitch, 5-0, approved, unanimously.

Report of the Student Advisory Committee

Adin Monroe introduced himself as the new student representative. Ms. Foster spoke of Homecoming, sports, Honor Society, Spirit Week, and National Art Honor Society activities and happenings.

Public Comment

Mr. Monroe stated that everyone can speak, but they will be limited to 3 minutes per the will of the Committee. He also asked that they raise their hand in the Zoom session if they would like to speak. There was no public comment.

Receive update regarding monthly enrollment.

Mrs. Kohler presented. She stated that we have remained stable. She also stated that she is interested to see what our October numbers will be.

Receive update regarding status of COVID19.

Mrs. Kohler stated that our numbers are going up, but that is to be expected. She also stated that we are exploring the test and stay program. There is an issue with getting the amount of tests needed. She said there is hope that they will be able to get the supplies. Mrs. Kohler went over the results of a survey that was sent out regarding continuing the protocols and outdoor spaces for the ESSER grant. She also reviewed the elementary parent survey, secondary parent survey, and teachers. She stated that the results of this survey convey that most people want us to continue with the protocols. Mr. Monroe asked about vaccination rates. Mrs. Kohler revealed the survey results regarding the students' answers.

Receive update regarding Turf Project at FHS.

Mrs. Kohler presented. The turf is down, but she is still uncertain if October 1 will be acceptable for the first use. She does expect it to be soon, possibly as early as next Friday if the weather cooperates, but could be the following week if it doesn't. She said they are waiting for the archway and scoreboard, but Mr. Carrig was able to secure a portable scoreboard for them. Homecoming will be on turf. Mr. Monroe would like the grand opening to be at the homecoming game.

Receive ESSER grant update.

Mrs. Kohler discussed the survey that was sent out to students, teachers, staff, and parents. On the student survey, there are 4 categories: Instructional Services and Resources, Student Supports and Targeted Academic Areas, Ongoing Development and Staffing (Recruitment), and Conditions for Student Success. This was sent to our high school students and the results show they are most concerned with conditions for student success. Mrs. Kohler said that we would like to continue with our additional School Adjustment Counselor, School Psych, and making the Family Engagement Center more robust. The results from the elementary parents were more focused on both the conditions for student success and targeted academic areas. We are looking at credit recovery, job pathways, and better use of their time and possibly having the kids go back to the elementary school to help some kids for our high school students. We are also going to write in for the gym floor as it allows for facilities. Technology is also something at a forefront. We are proposing to get iPads for all the Pre-k – Grade 1 students to be able to go 1 to 1. We are also looking at Chrome carts for other grades. Middle school would also be 1 to 1 and they would be kept at the school. We have 96% of respondent staff that are vaccinated.

Receive update regarding Town Water.

Mrs. Kohler stated that Fairhaven is no longer under a boiled water order.

Upcoming Events

The next meeting is: October 13, 2021

New Business

Vote to approve 2021-2022 student activities and clubs. Motion made to approve made by Mr. Andersen, seconded by Mr. Bueno, approved, 5-0, unanimously.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Andersen, approved, 5-0, unanimously.
Adjourned at 7:23p.m.



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