

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
October 26, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bueno, Ms. Kuechler, Mr. Andersen – via Zoom, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Monroe, Mr. Veitch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mrs. Kohler, Mr. Balestracci, Mrs. Potter, Ms. Bouchard, Members of FPS Leadership Team

STAFF ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the community and staff

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Kuechler at 6:30pm.

Ms. Kuechler read the recording policies for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Committee Members: Mr. Bueno, Mr. Monroe, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Veitch, Mr. Andersen – via Zoom, Ms. Kuechler

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from October 12, 2022 was made by Ms. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Bueno, approved unanimously, 6-0. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Andersen, Mr. Bueno, Mr. Monroe, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Veitch, Ms. Kuechler.

Report of the Student Advisory Committee

Adin Monroe presented. He spoke regarding Athletics, Homecoming, Senior Class Fundraising, and Yearbook Club.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Receive presentation from College & Career Coordinator

Mrs. Kohler introduced our new College and Career Coordinator. Marlene Sabeh presented. She went over the action plan and her own mission. She stated that she has 3 main objectives: Build a College and Career curriculum, create and facilitate career opportunities for all students to explore possibilities and create a postsecondary plan, and support and mentor students as they devise these plans. She also went into the curriculum details. She also went on to discuss upcoming opportunities and events as well as topics that we will be offering.

Recognition of building Principals

Mrs. Kohler presented. She wanted to recognize our principals during Principals' Month. The Committee extended their appreciation.

Introduce leadership team members.

Mrs. Kohler presented and reviewed the leadership team members and organizational chart. She went over the purpose of the leadership team. She reviewed their roles individually as well. The Committee extended their appreciation.

Receive update on NEASC

Mrs. Kohler presented. District accreditation through NEASC begins tomorrow. The report is honest and a true perspective of our strengths and weaknesses. Mrs. Kohler expressed her gratitude to Mr. Kulak and Ms. Higgins who have spearheaded this endeavor.

Receive update regarding student vape use.

Mrs. Kohler presented. We have had significant increase in vape use. We will be installing more vape detectors. We are looking to use speaker models, mentor models, and have sought help from the Board of Health Director and other departments in Town. She reiterated that this is a major problem for our kids.

Receive update regarding Superintendent Evaluation Goals/ Receive update regarding District Goals.

Mrs. Kohler presented. She asked the Committee to review the information presented. She is looking for feedback. Ms. Kuechler clarified that we are combing the District Goals and Superintendent Evaluation Goals. Mrs. Kohler stated that this will drive the strategic plan. She reiterated the 4 topics we are drawing from: College and Career, Culture and Climate, Communication, and Student Engagement. She went over the goals and

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 26, 2022

PAGE 2

strategies of meeting the goals. She also went over clarifications of the Superintendent's goals: To analyze district programs and departments to maximize efficiencies and priorities for future budgeting, to collect appropriate data and improve representations of all learners within our District, and develop skill in strategy development, data analysis, and instructional leadership by engaging in second year of NSIP. She also went over the outcomes: the external audience will develop trust and integrity within the District, feel engaged in the District's success, and to take action to support Fairhaven Schools while the internal audience should develop pride and feel involved in the District's success, will keep informed of the District's vision and key issues, take action to achieve high academic performance, and exhibit District values of ambition, integrity, and perseverance. Mr. Monroe would like Mrs. Kohler to be able to measure and prioritize some of her goals and District goals.

Upcoming Events:

Next meeting: November 9, 2022

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

The was no new business.

Mr. Monroe asked for a meeting of the policy subcommittee. Mr. Balestracci agreed to organize it.

There will be Executive Session without a return to regular session. Motion made to adjourn regular session to go to Executive Session without return to regular session made by Mr. Monroe, seconded by Ms. McKenna, approved, 6-0, unanimously. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Andersen, Mr. Bueno, Mr. Monroe, Ms. McKenna, Mr. Veitch, Ms. Kuechler.

Adjourned at 7:46p.m.



Tara M. Kohler
Secretary to the School Committee
Fairhaven Public Schools