PEMBROKE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 11, 2018
North Pembroke Elementary-Central Office Conference Room
11:00am

PLEASE NOTE TIME & LOCATION

Call to Order
Mr. Chilcott called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

Present from Administration: Mrs. Erin Obey, Superintendent and Marybeth Brust, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Learning

Present from Committee: Patrick Chilcott, Chair; James Agnew, Secretary; Michael Tropeano
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins, Vice Chair and David Boyle

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors
Mr. Chilcott welcomed the visitor.

Adjustments to the Agenda
None

Approval of Bill Schedule
Bills were circulated for committee approval.

Communications
None

Consideration of Approval: School Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018

VOTE: On a motion made by James Agnew and seconded by Michael Tropeano, it was unanimously voted to approve the school committee meeting minutes of October 16, 2018 as presented.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins and David Boyle

Consideration of Approval: PHS Overnight/Out of State Trips
Mrs. Obey presented the PHS trips to the committee. She said she if not putting forward the Latin trip tonight because there are questions around the chaperone piece.
VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to approve the PHS overnight/out of state trip requests as presented.

The DECA trip to Quincy, DECA trip to Boston, DECA trip to Orlando, Model UN class trip to Boston University, the All State Music Festival trip to Boston, AP Government trip to DC and the Key Club trip to Springfield

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins and David Boyle

Consideration of Approval: PCMS Surplus Materials
Mrs. Obey said there is no value to these textbooks so they will be recycled.

VOTE: On a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to approve the PCMS surplus list as presented.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins and David Boyle

Consideration of First Read: School Improvement Plans
Mrs. Obey presented the school improvement plans and said this is only a first reading. She said the plans are created by the building administration and school councils and they line up with the district goals.

VOTE On a motion made by James Agnew and seconded by Michael Tropeano, it was unanimously voted to accept as a first read the School Improvement Plans as presented.

Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, Michael Tropeano
Voting No: none
Abstaining: none
Absent: Suzanne Scroggins and David Boyle

Mr. Tropeano questioned the varying number of school council members per school and Mrs. Obey said it is due to interest. Mr. Agnew confirmed the groups meet throughout the year.

Superintendent’s Report

Achievement Report
Mrs. Brust said the term legacy refers to the old MCAS and the term next generation is the new MCAS. She said the MCAS data is looked against the state and against the PPS student. She said the different populations are referenced as disabled, high needs, non-high needs and not disabled students. Mr. Chilcott pointed out the dip in 2018 for the disabled ELA grade 10 legacy MCAS. Mrs. Brust said these are different populations over the years. She said the district has known since 2015 there was a concern with this population and interventions have been put in place. She presented the Math grade 10 legacy MCAS and said you can see similar results. Mrs. Brust went on to talk about the Biology grade 9 legacy MCAS and said to keep in mind the age of these students taking the test. She then presented data on the PHS 2018 MCAS comparison against DART schools and local schools. Mr. Tropeano asked what the higher performing schools are doing differently and Mrs. Obey said they use co-teaching, which is very
Mrs. Brust added that PCMS now has a STEM program and Project Lead the Way. She explained how these programs are hands on and project based learning and said the students like it and teachers are passionate about it. Mrs. Brust went on to talk about the grade 5 and grade 8 Science legacy test and explained it is based on three years of science. She said the elementary schools started a process of keeping a science notebook that travels through the three years with the students. Mr. Tropeano asked about the swings in the Bryantville data. Mrs. Obey said prior to the addition of 25 minutes to the school day, students had a tight day so they did not have science every day.

Mrs. Brust said the shift away from the grade 5 accelerated program did not have an effect on the MCAS results. She then presented the next generation data for grade 8 Math and ELA and explained the concern is around the students with disabilities and high needs. Mr. Agnew asked if the district receives any supports from the state. Mrs. Brust said getting the information sooner in order to plan would help. Mrs. Obey said she expects to see more from the new Commissioner going forward. Mr. Tropeano suggested asking the legislatures to put something forward to deal with mid-year move ins of special needs students. Along the lines of sharing the cost with the sending district or the sending district continues to pay for the rest of the school year. Mrs. Brust informed the committee that Bryantville, Hobomock and North all met or exceeded the achievement targets set by the state for two categories of students: All students and Lowest Performing 25%. She went on to say that PHS is partially meeting targets and PCMS was identified with low performing subgroups. She added that Administration was aware of this and have been working at it.

Mrs. Brust said there is a new accountability system for high school and non high schools in 2018 and she explained the criterion. Mrs. Obey explained the chronic absenteeism indicator and said she has learned how other districts are reporting their absences and will make some changes based on the information learned. Mr. Tropeano suggested graphing the absences at PHS in order for the committee to take a deeper look. Mrs. Brust said the priority for PCMS is to close the gaps for the high needs population. Mrs. Obey said they will have to look at the PCMS schedule to see if there is a better way to do it.

Mrs. Brust went on to talk about the SAT data. She said this is the second year of the new SAT. She said across the board SAT participation has increased. She reviewed data for the reading and writing portion. She she reviewed the math SAT and said PHS did quite well in this category. She added that a low of number of students take the ACT. Mr. Chilcott said it is important to remember that the data reflects different students each year.

**Future Meeting Dates and Topics**

PC said budget sub met and will meet again in the next few weeks. He said the Policy and Education subcommittees still need to meet and Mrs. Obey will put out some dates for those. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/18.

**VOTE:** At 12:06pm, on a motion made by Michael Tropeano and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

  Voting Yes: Patrick Chilcott, James Agnew, Michael Tropeano
  Voting No:  none
  Abstaining:  none
  Absent:  Suzanne Scroggins and David Boyle

**APPROVED: December 18, 2018**
MOTIONS

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