Call to Order
Mr. Tropeano called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Present from Administration: Mrs. Erin Obey, Superintendent; Marybeth Brust, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Duncanson, Director of Student Services.

Present from Committee: Michael Tropeano, Chair; Susie Scholl, Secretary; Suzanne Scroggins (arrived at 7:22) and James Agnew
Absent: David Boyle, Vice Chair

Acknowledge & Schedule Visitors
Mr. Tropeano welcomed the visitors.

Paige Graziano addressed the committee and said she has been asked by homeschool families to speak on their behalf. She said homeschool families would like to participate in discussions with the school committee and Superintendent in order to clarify and streamline the homeschooling process. She said one or two homeschooling parents would be selected as the liaison between the school committee/superintendent and the homeschooling parents. Mr. Tropeano said the committee would be happy to work with homeschooling families and suggested a follow up on this topic take place at the next meeting.

Adjustments to the Agenda
None

Approval of Bill Schedule
Bills were sent out for electronic signatures.

Communications
None

Consideration of Approval: School Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019 as presented.
Achievement Report – Part A

Mrs. Brust said there is a dip in AP participation this year but the number of students earning a qualifying score is still somewhat the same. She said AP Equity and Excellence saw a bit of dip and this happens depending on the cohort. She went on to say that AP Potential uses a PSAT score in 10th or 11th grade to find students that have AP potential. Of 18 AP courses, 13 courses have an AP Potential correlation. She added she is happy to see that students taking risks and not identified as having AP potential, are being successful in the course.

Mr. Duffy said he continues to be impressed with the success of AP Computer Science courses. He explained that AP Computer Science Principals is not programming but rather uses apps to solve social justice problems. He added he is proud of Elaine Griggs and went on to say she is a life long learner and she is consistently sought out to teach courses. Mrs. Brust added that the State is allowing a Computer Science course in place of a 4th year of math.

Dr. Galligan said he wants to highlight AP US History because achievement improved this year and students continue to do better than the average. He said 13 students did not identify with AP potential but received a qualifying score on the exam. He added that he is proud of this course because the College Board continues to change the exam which makes it difficult, but teachers manage to keep up with it. Mr. Tropeano asked how many students are taking multiple AP courses and Mrs. Brust said the bulk of students are taking 1-2 AP courses.

Mr. Shapiro said he would like to highlight AP Biology and said enrollment is healthy and teachers are participating in professional development. He said there are new resources from College Board that he is looking forward using.

Mrs. Safizadeh said she is proud of the students. She said the AP Spanish scores have gone beyond the average of the state and the global average. She added that students have benefited from the AP reviews, and the stipends have been helpful for the teachers. She said 11 students participate in AP Spanish.

Mrs. Chapman said AP Studio Art was started last year and she is proud to say that 86% received a qualifying score in 2019. She said there are seven students in the course. She added the students created 38 pieces of art and it was quite extensive. She explained that Fundamentals of Art in 8th grade is the starting point.

Mrs. Brust said the district annually surveys teachers and students about AP. She said she finds that the teachers support the AP open policy. She said the piece that comes through is that teachers are happy that students are willing to try. Mrs. Scroggins said it would be interesting to see what students’ responses are one year out PHS. Mr. Tropeano said he is curious to know how many students receive college credit.

Mrs. Brust said the 2018 AP recommendations included: expanded enrollment which was accomplished with the help of two guidance counselors. A second recommendation was to explore additional AP offerings but there is a budget implication to that.

Mrs. Brust said the 2019 recommendations include a focus on improving teacher access and familiarity will College Board’s new online resources. A second focus is on expanding student familiarity with online...
College Board resources that support AP courses. She added that the final recommendation to continue to expand enrollment. Mrs. Scroggins said she wants to thank the teachers and administrators for their work.

**Superintendent’s Report**

**Consideration of Approval: Homeschooling Requests for 2019-2020 School Year**

Mrs. Obey presented two homeschooling requests.

VOTE: On a motion made by James Agnew and seconded by Susie Scholl, it was unanimously voted to approve the homeschooling requests for Steve and Jodie Earle for Jacob Earle and Mark and Megan Massaro for Anabella Massaro.

  - Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Suzanne Scroggins, Susie Scholl and James Agnew
  - Voting No: none
  - Abstaining: none
  - Absent: David Boyle

**Consideration of Approval: Overnight/Out of State Trips for 2019-2020**

Mrs. Obey presented the three DECA trips, December, February and May. She said the committee approved these trips in September and she is just bringing the final details to the committee tonight.

**Consideration of Approval: North Pembroke Surplus Materials**

Mrs. Obey said the books Sugar Babies was formerly used in the sixth-grade curriculum but have not been used in the past 10 years. North Pembroke Elementary is asking to deem them surplus. She added that the library has requested two copies.

VOTE: On a motion made by James Agnew and seconded by Susie, School, it was unanimously voted to deem surplus 150 copies of Sugar Babies by Eve Bunting.

  - Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Suzanne Scroggins, Susie Scholl and James Agnew
  - Voting No: none
  - Abstaining: none
  - Absent: David Boyle

**Consideration of Approval: PCMS Extra-Curricular Clubs**

Mrs. Obey said the school committee has to approve the PCMS extra-curricular clubs. Mrs. McGarrigle reviewed the new clubs for the committee.

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to approve Creative Maker Space, Gender-Sexuality Alliance, Nature Club, Robotics Club and Space Club for PCMS as presented.

  - Voting Yes: Michael Tropeano, Suzanne Scroggins, Susie Scholl and James Agnew
  - Voting No: none
  - Abstaining: none
  - Absent: David Boyle

**Review of Draft Staff Survey**

Mrs. Obey said last year about 1/3 of staff responded to the survey and 98% of staff reported they feel safe in their building and supported by their administrators. Mrs. Obey said Mrs. Badeau sat down with some teachers and brainstormed draft questions that were in turn put into a format that could gather
data. Mrs. Obey said last year’s survey showed that student behavior was more of a concern at the elementary level versus the secondary level. She added that is the reason the survey asks where the staff member works. Mr. Tropeano suggested breaking out the elementary grade levels and adding free form text to the survey in an effort to allow for additional feedback. Mrs. Badeau said kindergarten through grade three seems to be the level that staff are trying to figure out supports for. She said she thinks it is important to have a space for teachers to write suggestions and/or concerns. Mr. Agnew suggested communication avenues around the release of the survey to prepare the staff for the survey. Mrs. Obey said support from the union representatives at each building with help and administration can allow staff some time to complete it during the day. Mrs. Scroggins suggested adding a timeframe to the questions and the committee decided on the past three years.

School Committee Goals
Mr. Tropeano said this topic will be covered at the next meeting when all members are present.

Future Meeting Dates and Topics
10/15 and 10/22

VOTE: At 8:20PM, on a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by Suzanne Scroggins, it was unanimously voted, by roll call vote, to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3) to discuss a legal matter as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the legal position of the School Committee, as declared by the Chair.

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

APPROVED: October 15, 2019

MOTIONS

VOTE: On a motion made by Susie Scholl and seconded by James Agnew, it was unanimously voted to approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2019 as presented.

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     Voting No: none
     Abstaining: none
     Absent: David Boyle and Suzanne Scroggins

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