

BROOKFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday November 9, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donald Faugno, Chair
Sheila Frangiamore, Vice-Chair/Secretary
Barbara Wilson, Tantasqua Representative

ALSO PRESENT:

Daniel Durgin, Superintendent; Kathleen Hosterman, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Recording Secretary; teachers and many members of the PTO and community.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Faugno asked all present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion 11-07

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve October 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Durgin reviewed the Financial Report provided in the packet

- Very good shape – expenditures in line from last year. Mr. Durgin explained the new staff – Librarian

PTO Report

Mrs. Cunningham reviewed the PTO Meeting Minutes, discussing the following:

- Fall fundraiser
- Gift Cards fundraiser
- Bake sale
- Grant Cultural Council – “A Christmas Carol” to be held at The Hannaford Theater on December 21, 2010
- 5K Road Race – Possibly fulfilling wish lists for teachers and PTO
- Dance Workshops- Scheduled for January, dance clinic K-3 and 3-6

COMMUNICATIONS

Tantasqua Policy – Agenda

Brookfield Policy – Agenda

Motion 11-08

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to change the Agenda format regarding Public Access. Moving first Public Access after PTO Report and second Public Access after the Tantasqua Representative Report; for a trial period of 6 months.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Mrs. Hosterman reviewed her Principal Report as provided in packet, in addition:

- Mrs. Hosterman provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding MCAS Goals – Each year new goals/ways are utilized to support student’s achievements. Reviewed weaknesses/strengths, comparing goals from previous year, reviewing each grade, goals, targets and achievements.
- Made AYP across the board in all areas in all subgroups

Mr. Durgin noted that there was outstanding involvement amongst the principal, teachers, and parents – tremendous growth.

Ashley Barringer, 5th Grade Social Studies Teacher gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Social Studies Topics, Resources, Activities and Literature. Books and student work samples were provided to view.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Durgin reviewed the Superintendent report:

- Ted foundation – Annual brunch will be on Nov 21st, held at OSV open to everyone. Giving away a diamond at the brunch. 82 scholarships will be provided. Free four-year tuition to any state school.
- Alumni will be invited back – A breakfast will be provided as well as survey to inquire on how the school prepared them for college/trade.
- Grant placed for all windows – Preliminary approval, OPM hiring, and designer. MSBA had extra money; this will be voted upon on Nov 17th. The design will be reviewed, intended on early spring to replace the windows. Holland started replacing their windows and it has made a huge difference on HVAC last winter.
- Mr. Durgin listened to concerns that were brought forward from last month’s committee meeting and reviewed with counsel. They are ready to make a recommendation to the committee for voting procedure to amend the Policy with the sentence to state “that all and any person doing classroom presentations must have a Cori check obtained.”

Motion 11-09

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to amend the current CORI policy to add a sentence to state that all and any person doing class room presentations will be subject to a CORI check as of November 10, 2010.

Discussion: Policy will be out next month

VOTE: Unanimous

PUBLIC ACCESS

Several parents addressed the Committee regarding Level II and Level III Sex Offenders.

- Worried about the wording “Presentation”, policy needs to define what that means.
- Seeking a request that is policy specific for Brookfield Elementary, taking out judgment calls for level 2 and 3 sex offenders.
- Mr. Faugno noted that what the committee did today on the vote will start tomorrow. Creating a policy takes two meetings, two months, the soonest.
- Information is available, could we not inquire in addition to level 3’s, also provide the level 2’s? This would be another tool to use when making those decisions in addition to what the CORI states. Mr. Faugno answered: Police can not pass level 2’s on, signed form stating that they can not release it. A parent asked - Can school initiate a request for level 2’s on behalf of the Brookfield Elementary school?
- Common sense should be used instead of policy in place

- If there is a child in the classroom that the parent is a sex offender of, can the teacher be made aware of this? In this one instance, she had no knowledge of that. Mr. Faugno answered: That is another issue, very difficult to say to all the staff unless they go to police station themselves regarding level 2. There are certain things that you can not disseminate, with signing that form.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs. Wilson discussed the Tantasqua Report:

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

All pertinent information received/discussed tonight will be forwarded via email to Mr. Durgin for Committee members to review. A special meeting will be held on November 30th to discuss/propose a draft for Brookfield school specific regarding CORI checks.

Motion 11-10

Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to approve JICFB-1 Bullying Policy on Second Reading

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Durgin requested tabling IJNDD Social Networking on Second Reading.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Wilson inquired about business cards being sent home with children from the recent Karate instruction class that was held at the school; other attendees noted their children brought home business cards as well. This will not be permitted in the future for them to hand out, only will be allowed in the front office.

Mr. Faugno discussed the Joint Conference School Committee –

- Court cases were handled
- Meeting on social media
- Follow up regarding school committee meetings - DESE

Motion 11-11

At 7:50 p.m., Mrs. Frangiamore moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilson to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Frangiamore
Secretary/Vice Chair

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