

KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES
May 2, 2016
King Philip Regional High School - Library

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Martin, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08PM.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Members Present:	Norfolk:	Jeff Chalmers, Michael Gee
	Plainville:	Ann-marie Martin, Patrick Francomano
	Wrentham:	Jim Killion

Members Absent:	Norfolk:	Noelle Tonelli
	Wrentham:	Lynn Desrochers, Danielle Schmitz
	Plainville:	Charlene McEntee

HS Student Council Representative: Eliza Sheehan

The meeting is being videotaped by Wrentham Cable Access. Mrs. Martin explained that the public may visit the district's website at www.kingphilip.org to review informational documents pertaining to each school committee meeting. Videotaped meetings may be viewed in their entirety at www.wrenthamcableaccess.com Mrs. Martin also explained the procedure for public comment.

DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Mrs. Coscia, Mr. Childs, Mrs. Dill

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (taken out of order):

Trip to Italy: Mrs. Coscia and Mr. Childs

Mr. Childs, HS Foreign Language Teacher was introduced to the Committee and is seeking approval for the trip to Italy, Mr. Childs indicated that this trip dovetails the text that is used and pertains to the cultural educational aspect. Mrs. Coscia, also a HS Foreign Language Teacher and an organizer of this trip stated that she is from Italy and speaks Italian as first language and has relatives in Rome.

A letter from David Markie, President of Passports, provided follow up information received on April 29, 2016, as requested by the School Committee. Mr. Francomano indicated that this follow up information was presented in a timely manner and was very helpful as it addressed several issues, including safety and security concerns that were raised by the School Committee.

Discussion ensued on the fundraising efforts and Mr. Childs indicated that several options were raised in Latin Club but has been held in abeyance until formal approval is given by the School Committee.

- 🚩 **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Killion, to approve the HS overnight field trip to Rome, Italy as presented from April 13-20, 2017, according to Policy IJOA and JJA. All in favor.**

Trip to France: Mrs. Dill

Mrs. Dill provided additional information from Prometour who provided specific protocol on safety during a terrorist attack. She also provided information on the use and policy of a satellite phone vs. a cell phone. The first priority would be for the group to get to safety. Also the steps that would be taken if there was a medical attack in a country during an emergency.

Mr. Francomano indicated that Passports partnered with iJET Global Integrated Operations Center and asked who Prometour consults with internationally for risk assessment? Mrs. Dill contacted Sharmila Hall via telephone at Prometour who confirmed that they use a **Spanish company** "ministere

de l'interieur. They are not a private agency, they are a government agency according to Sharmila Hall of Prometour sharmila@prometour.eu

Mrs. Dill will asked Ms. Hall if Prometour would promise that one of their guides would make a commitment to provide a satellite phone and rent it for a fairly minimal cost – she confirmed that they will.

Mr. Francomano asked if there were there any trips when last 2 terrorist attacks occurred. Ms. Hall reiterated her comments in the previous meeting about trips that were reroute as a result of the attacks.

✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Francomano, to approve the trip to Nice, Larseille, Lyon and Paris, France from April 13-20, 2017, according to Policy IJOA and JJA. All in favor.**

Trip to Quebec: Hosted by Mrs. Dill and Miss Sheehan

Mrs. Dill showed a slideshow of the trip to Quebec in February of 2016 during Carnival.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with an asterisk () are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so request, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PAYMENT OF BILLS, FINANCIAL REPORT

Warrants/Budget Report/Budget Transfers

COMMUNICATION:

Appointments, Retirements, Resignations, etc.

Board & Administrator, April 2016, Vol. 29, No. 12

Murphy, Hesse: Education Alert, March 2016

Murphy, Hesse: Labor & Employment Alert, March 2016

AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Executive Session - None

COMMUNICATION:

Budget & Finance Subcommittee Approved Minutes:

- March 1, 2016
- March 14, 2016
- April 4, 2016

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Mr. Chalmers: No new business to report.
Plainville School Committee Representative: Mrs. McEntee: None
Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Schmitz: None
HS Student Council Representative: Ms. Sheehan

Student Council

Student council hosted their annual "Class Competition" Event at 7PM on Thursday, April 28th in the wooden gym.

The council is currently in the early planning stages of putting together an outdoor dance that will occur at some point before the end of the year.

The council is beginning to prepare for their end of year banquet, in which the new executive board members will finally take their new positions.

The Student Council also participated in the Walk For Hunger in Boston, MA on May 1st. Both executive and auxiliary members attended the event to support Boston's "Project Bread".

Leo Club

Leo Club Executive Board Elections were held on Wednesday, April 28th.

The Leo Club helped assist in the Norfolk Grange's "Clean and Green" Event on Sunday, May 1st.

KP Cares

KP Cares recently held their Executive Board Elections this past week.

Additionally, the club continues to work hard to promote the Relay for Life event that will be held at KP again this year on Friday, June 3rd.

DECA

Qualifying DECA Student returned from their international competition (ICDC) in Nashville, TN on Thursday, April 28th. King Philip returned home to MA with many new glass trophies to add to the DECA Cabinet in the front hallway. One of our KP partnerships placed first in their category internationally. Over 18,000 students from all over the world attended this recent competition in Nashville.

KPMA

The Spring Pops concert will occur on Saturday, May 14th. This year's theme is Disney. The bands and choruses are preparing Disney-themed songs for their performances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **FY17 Budget Update: Mr. Schaefer**

In a memorandum dated, May 2, 2016, Mr. Schaefer is asking the School Committee to consider amending the FY2017 Operating Budget as approved and amended on April 25, 2016 in preparation for the Norfolk Town meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 and subsequent town meetings of Wrentham and Plainville.

Mr. Francomano stated that this is with the understanding that the Administrative Team is putting forward the Wrentham number as the recommendation number. With that said, that means a cut in addition to those identified of \$180,000 more out of the budget. The Finance Subcommittee has not given an opinion one way or another where these cuts are made or the additional \$180K, and will

make a decision on that based on the final number. We are also waiting to see what transpires on the House budget and seeing what the Senate budget comes up with.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee, as set forth in Mr. Schaefer's May 2nd memorandum, move that the King Philip Regional School Committee approves an FY2017 Operating Budget of \$30,224,594 (4.6% increase or \$1,322,867) and an Operating Assessment of \$21,468,620 (2.73% increase or \$570,706). All in favor.**

- ✚ **The Operating Assessments shall be:**

Norfolk	\$7,830,731	increase of \$120,931	1.57%
Plainville	\$5,036,000	increase of \$197,771	4.09%
Wrentham	\$8,601,887	increase of \$252,002	3.02%

Public Comment: Mrs. Snead asked if the Robotics class was impacted. Dr. Zielinski indicated that it was not at this time. Mrs. Snead expressed concern that the district would be unable to move ahead with the great programs that have led to national recognition. STEM/STEAM should continue to be supported and advanced.

- ✚ **A Motion made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Francomano, (reluctantly, do not think it is a wise decision to rely on E&D to supplement the operations budget*) that King Philip Regional School Committee amend and approve an appropriation from the undesignated fund balances to support the FY2017 Operating Budget from \$150,000 to \$850,000. All in favor.**

Mr. Francomano commented, and Mr. Killion agreed that this has created a \$750,000 hole for next year's budget; we may not have a choice, but this is not prudent fiscal policy.

Superintendent's Evaluation: Dr. Zielinski

Dr. Zielinski indicated that by this weekend you will receive an email with the survey and the evaluation instrument with a number of pieces of evidence. She explained that any category that is selected as either "Exemplary" or "Unsatisfactory" to please put a comment. The survey is 47 pages long and members will be able to save and return to complete it as needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reappointment of School Committee Secretary:

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Killion, to reappoint Mrs. Elisa B. Witkus to serve as the Secretary to the School Committee effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. All in favor.**

Reappointment of District Treasurer:

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Gee, seconded by Mr. Francomano, to reappoint Mr. Joseph Meichelbeck to serve as the Regional Treasurer to the School Committee effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, at a salary rate to be determined. All in favor.**

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2016/2017 Professional Development Calendar (2nd reading):

Tabled to May 16, 2016.

Unit C – 2016/2019 Contract Ratification Vote:

The School Committee had no concerns regarding the ratification of the Unit C 2016/2019 contract, therefore, no Executive Session was needed.

- ✚ **A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Killion, to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement between the King Philip Regional School Committee and the King Philip Teachers' Association (Unit C, Secretaries) 2016-2019. All in favor.**

Late Communications:

1. Legal opinion from Attorney Waugh dated May 1, 2016 on the KP International Field Trips.
2. SEPAC Flyer – KPRHS Transition Fair to be held on 5/4/16
3. KP DECA Makes History, dated 4/23/16

RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Lotito shared with the Committee her experience chaperoning the DECA trip. She praised the students on their efforts and their professionalism.

ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ✚ At 8:10pm, A Motion was made by Mr. Francomano, seconded by Mr. Gee to adjourn. All in favor by roll call vote. Yes (5); No (0).

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa B. Witkus
Secretary to the School Committee*