

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2014
Hanover High School

Present: William Marriner, John Geary, Michael Phillips, Ruth Lynch and Kimberly Booker

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Tom Raab, Kelly Lawrence, Scott Hutchinson, Brian Cicollo, Matthew Plummer, Matthew Paquette, Adam Colantuoni, Jane DeGrenier, Michael Oates

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by 7:00 pm by Chairman Marriner.

Student awards were presented from 7:00 pm – 7:20 pm

Public Comments: None presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Geary to approve the minutes of October 8, 2014 as written. The motion seconded by Phillips. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Report of Superintendent:

Updates & Events

- National Honor Society Induction is on November 6, 2014 at the High School
- PAC had a very successful presentation on Executive Function last night and 130 people attended
- Mr. Ferron will look into finding good meeting dates to report on strategic objectives
- ALICE TRAINING- parent forum was done tonight and the district wide training was done successfully
 - o Training was done very professionally and bravely by all staff and Mr. Ferron feels are schools are safer having done this training
 - o Video that the students put together was very well done
- **FACE Update- Kelly Lawrence**
 - o Had a very successful summer and increased enrollment by 40%
 - o There was a first summer musical and they hope to have one again next summer
 - o 388 students are using Before and After school care
 - o ½ day kindergarten students are using CASE and SCORE programs
 - o October 23, 2014 we are celebrating Lights On After School which focuses on after school opportunities- currently across the nation 10.2 million children are enrolled in after school programs and Hanover is a great example of that
 - o 30 weeks of programming throughout the school year from beginning of September through the beginning of June
 - o Will be focusing on their strategic objective of providing quality programming to students in the district – one initiative is to develop a district wide theater company; another initiative is to work on a HPS gear shop on-line to sell Hanover items which will encourage school and community spirit; another goal is to offer more partnerships and opportunities

- Question by Ms. Lynch- How long has this extensive after school program enrichment been running? Response by Ms. Lawrence that probably more than 10 years but over the last 5 years we have really worked to provide more equity to make sure that students in all schools have access to quality programs
- Question by Ms. Lynch-Why is cross-country not part of athletics? Response by Ms. Lawrence that it started as a running club but it has evolved into more and a league has been created
- Question by Ms. Lynch- you stated that one of your goals is to offer more service and partnership opportunities- do you have other goals? Response by Ms. Lawrence that they have many goals- but HS students that we used to care for are now wanting to work in after school programs or volunteer to help other students and she feels that those partnerships are most important
- Question by Ms. Booker- Difference between Center & Cedar program for kindergarten students, is that because of enrollment? Response by Ms. Lawrence that it is due to enrollment. Cedar has programs 3 days a week and Center has programs everyday – Need at least 5 students to open at Cedar everyday
- Comment by Mr. Phillips that he is happy with the growth and momentum in the last year, so keep up the good work
- **HHS Fall Athletic Update – Scott Hutchinson**
 - Fall athletic enrollment figures were provided
 - Currently at the high school- 45% of students are enrolled in athletics
 - Teams have been successful in regards to wins versus loses
 - Working hard to promote that sense of community within the town
 - Coaches have worked on developing curriculum and skills for all age groups
 - Large improvement in attendance at athletic events
 - HHS Athletics Facebook page and Twitter account for students and alumni
 - Reaching out to the community to promote a greater sense of team- using Connect Ed and social media and sponsorship opportunities
 - Comment by Mr. Marriner that the turnout at games has been impressive and the atmosphere and family oriented – also have you reached out to the seniors to include them? Response by Mr. Hutchinson that they have discussed it but other items are a priority at this point
 - Question by Mr. Geary- do you know why the senior drop off is so high? Response by Mr. Hutchinson that it seems fairly consistent but a certain point it's a coaches decision to determine who gets a spot and there are fewer spots available on varsity teams versus being able to be on a freshmen or junior varsity
 - Question by Mr. Geary- one goal you mentioned is to unify the spirit of current students with alumni- how is that going so far? Response by Mr. Hutchinson we are starting internally by getting all athletes to wear same logos/branding. Hopefully the on-line the gear store will help with community pride and unification
 - Question by Mr. Marriner in terms of consistency of coaching between freshmen, JV and varsity- do you see that consistency that empowers learning at each program? Response by Mr. Hutchinson that we are working towards that goal and we strive for that but it challenging because coaching positions turnover

- Ms. Lynch would like to commend Mr. Hutchinson on all his hard work since July and it's become evident that school spirit has increased. Question by Ms. Lynch- what are your goals for this next year? So when we meet again you can report on these goals. Please make them measurable and attainable. Response by Mr. Hutchinson that he will provide a written response.

Finance Department

Friends of Hanover Donation Update

- Last year we met with Friends of Hanover as to what they would like to do with their funds
- They laid out 3 priorities; 1- target K-8; 2- be a broader scope and not tied to 1 classroom and 3- be as long lasting as possible
- The proposal includes: IPAD 2, heart rate monitors and 3D printers
- IPAD are designated for use at each elementary school- 10 for each school
- Printers are for elementary school- one at Cedar and one at Sylvester- can be used to designed 3d items
- Heart rate monitors will be for all middle school students and will be used for health and wellness and possibly science- students and parents can view the results of a monitor securely
- Question by Mr. Phillips-Do we anticipate this will all be in use this year? Response by Mr. Cicollo that everything will be in use immediately upon receipt
- Question by Mr. Geary there are 60 monitors and 1 reader- how does that work? Response by Ms. Cicollo that each student swipes into the reader before they put monitor on and the reader stores all the information
- Comment by Mr. Ferron that there will be about \$10,000 left in the donation
- Question by Mr. Geary- do the IPADS include warranty? Response by Mr. Cicollo that it is included
- Question by Mr. Geary- how long will heart rate monitors last? Response by Mr. Cicollo that in the 3 year range
- Motion by Geary to approve the Friend of Hanover allocation for IPADs, 3d printers and heart rate monitor in the amount of \$39,161.64 with an approximate balance of \$10,000 to be determined at a later date. Motion was seconded by Phillips. Motion carried unanimously.

Revolving Accounts Update

- Revenue projections are good but its early in the season
- Revenue is donations, user fees and gate receipts
- Gap between expenses and revenues and we are working hard to close that gap
- Dr. Raab will present a complete update at the end of the fall season as we move into the winter season
- Family Cap is a possibility for user fees
- Question by Mr. Phillips- would the user fee cap be presented for this fiscal year? Response by Dr. Raab that he plans to analyze the data to determine if that is a possibility and will report back.
- Response by Mr. Ferron that they will look into it and report back to the committee with options since it seems that a family user fee cap is a priority of the committee
- Response by Mr. Marriner that it seems prudent to do the research and report back
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Report on Teaching & Learning

Standardized Test Overview- Mr. Paquette

- AP, SAT, MCAS

- AP courses are advantageous to drive a general curriculum
- Look closely at what skills and content are required to pass a AP test and use that in the general curriculum
- Should see a direct correlation between student performance on MCAS
- Those students who take honors or AP classes usually score well on SAT in junior year and those students who take SAT in senior year and may not do as well give us an area of focus
- SAT is 3 hours and 45 minutes and broken down into 10 separately timed sections
- In 2010-137 students took the SAT test and in 2014- 186 students took the SAT test
- SAT Scores in 2014- critical reading and mathematics has flat lined since 2010
- As Compared to the State, Hanover is below the state average in each area
- Comparing HHS Seniors and Juniors- Juniors scores in critical reading and math scored above the state average since 2010
- Interventions as follows: Revolution Prep opportunities; PSAT administration for all sophomores and juniors; Dissemination of PSAT scores to students for remediation; need to practice timed assessment; SAT practice sections in English and Math
- There is a New SAT coming- no penalty for wrong answer, change in timing, essay is optional and concentrated math focusing on problem solving, data analysis, Algebra, advanced Math; Reading and Writing to evidence based writing
- Number of AP students has increased to 178 in 2014 from 114 in 2010
- Average AP Scores in Humanities is 3.3 in 2014
- Grade 10 MCAS ELA -97% advanced/proficient
- Average AP Scores in STEM is 3.2 in 2014
- Grade 10 MCAS Math-87%advanced/proficient
- Question by Mr. Geary- if the juniors take it and then take it again as a senior- why are the numbers lower? Aren't they striving to do better? Response by Mr. Paquette that its hard to move your SAT score
- Question by Mr. Geary- do you get points deducted for not answering? Response by Mr. Plummer that you don't get deducted for not answering
- Question by Ms. Lynch-Do we have a large percentage of ACT takes? Response by Mr. Paquette that we have more SAT test takers
- Question by Mr. Phillips- how do our juniors compare to other juniors across the state? Response by Mr. Paquette that its similar to other juniors
- Question by Ms. Booker- Special Education numbers in regards to MCAS- what are you doing to bring up the scores? Response by Mr. Paquette that he is more specifically teaching test taking skills

Action Items

Music Department Field Trip (HHS)

- Motion by Geary to approve the Music Department Field Trip on April 16-19, 2015 to Williamsburg, VA as detailed in this proposal. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Museum of Science Field Trip (HMS)

-Motion by Geary to approve the 5th grade Museum of Science sleepover Field Trip on March 12-13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Washington DC Field Trip Update (HMS)

- Had a great parent turnout at the forum and there is a lot of excitement surrounding this event

- Biggest change is adding an additional night (3 nights/4days) so students won't be driving through the night
- Took out water rafting as an activity
- Plan for students who will not attend – there is a draft proposal of activities
- Motion by Geary to approve the 8th Grade Washington DC Trip from May 26-29, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments:

- Ann Logan- Hanover PTA
- question on IPAD for elementary school- 10 pack per grade or 10 pack per school? 10 pack per school. How would that work? Response by Mr. Cicollo that they would kept centrally and they can be signed out in advance.

Motion by Geary to adjourn at 9:44 pm. The motion was seconded by Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Andrea Holmes

Documents Used:

Minutes 10-8-14
 Face Update 10-22-14
 Athletic Update 10-22-14
 Friends of Hanover Donation Proposal Summary 10-22-14
 Revolving Account Update 10-22-14
 SAT/MCAS/AP Summary
 HS Music Department Field Trip Request
 HMS Museum of Science Field Trip Request
 HMS Washington DC Field Trip Request