

Hanover School Committee Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2018
Hanover High School

Present: Mrs. Kimberly Booker, Mrs. Ruth Lynch, Mrs. Libby Corbo and Mrs. Leah Miller

Also Present: Matthew Ferron, Debbie St. Ives, Joan Woodward, Matthew Paquette, Hugh Galligan, Matthew Plummer and Scott Hutchison.

Absent: John Geary and Thomas Raab

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Co-Chairperson Booker.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Lynch to approve the minutes for March 14, 2018. The motion was seconded by Corbo. The motion carried.

Report of the Superintendent:

Dr. Raab is attending the Advisory Meeting this evening, which is the reason he is not at tonight's meeting.

Student Reports and Recognition- presented by Mr. Paquette

- Hanover High School Junior, Collin Wright and his dog Rain were introduced. Collin addressed the Committee and explained in detail what he does as a volunteer puppy raiser. *Guiding Eyes for the Blind*, is a program which provides fully trained guide dogs to the visually impaired. Collin works with the dogs and trains them in basic house manners and everyday tasks. The training is an eighteen-month process, which begins when the dog is eight weeks old. He takes the dog everywhere he goes in order to give him the exposure to every environment possible. Collin also explained the importance of bringing a dog into a school for training purposes. The dog Collin trained last year, Rumor, has graduated from the program and is currently matched with a 17 year-old girl in Maryland. Collin asked the Committee for support in bringing these dogs to school to assist in the training process. The Committee members thanked Collin for the work he does.
- Quebec Field Trip- Students Tori Migre, Yasmina Berkat and Mia Anastasiades presented an update of their trip to Canada. The girls felt the cost of the trip was very reasonable and the tour guide was very interesting. They all agreed that learning about the culture was great. They were able to see what it was like to live there and be exposed to the culture. It was a fun and educational trip. Mrs. Lynch thanked the girls for coming in and speaking to the Committee.
- Winter Sports Recognitions- Scott Hutchison presented senior captains Connor Morris and Zach Taylor. Both are an integral part of the team that just went to the Championship Game. Both of the boys scored their 100th career points this season. These boys are not only great representatives of the hockey program, but are also tremendous role models. Mr. Hutchison presented a commemorative plaque to both Zach and Connor. Both were recognized and congratulated. Coach Abban was then introduced and was presented with a plaque for recording his 100th win as hockey coach.

Events and Updates-

- The *Credit for Life Fair* for the seniors is tomorrow at the high school. This is a fun, interactive budget simulation in which students make financial decisions based on their anticipated future salaries.
- Hanover Middle School Musical, "*Once on this Island*" is next Thursday, April 5th at 7pm and Saturday, April 7th at 2pm and 6pm. Tickets are on sale at the Salmond School Building, Room 2, beginning Monday. Tickets will also be available at the door.
- Spring sports begin next week. Mr. Ferron is excited for another great season by our student athletes.

Center School Building Project Update presented Mrs. Corbo- Everything is going great. They are ahead of schedule. Colors are going up and the flooring will be going in within the next couple of weeks. There is no issue with the budget at this point. Thank you to Mrs. DeGrenier and the teachers who have been very accommodating. Students will be occupying the new part of the building in September. Renovations will continue through December, with hopes to be completed at the end of December.

Report of Finance Department Presented by Mr. Ferron:

- **Donations** - Donations received from the Parents of Center/Sylvester School totaling \$375.00.

Motion by Lynch to accept donations of \$375.00 as presented, to be used at Center Sylvester to fund the classroom libraries. The motion was seconded by Corbo. The motion carried.

Mr. Ferron recognized and congratulated both Dr. Woodward and Dr. Galligan. They both recently successfully completed their Doctorate in Education.

Report on Teaching and Learning:

- **HHS Program of Studies-** Mr. Paquette, Mr. Galligan and Mr. Plummer presented the *Program of Studies* for the 2018-2019 school year.
- Mr. Paquette introduced the Core Value and Belief Statement "*We believe in the importance of collaboration through active participation and accountability in solving problems and accomplishing goals by working with others.*" This statement was adopted by the faculty on February 6, 2018. Mr. Paquette requested the Committee adopt this statement.
- The presentation began with a review of how to use the *Program of Studies* and reviewed the levels of the classes that will be offered; College Preparatory, Honors and Advanced Placement. Some college prep classes will be co-taught. Discussion surrounded the elimination of Level II classes. The level of classes will include the same curriculum, but modifications may be required for the students that they are teaching. There are no changes operationally, only taking the label off the transcript. Mrs. Lynch commended the administration for taking the steps to make this change.
- Dual enrollment with Quincy College will be offered, for an additional fee of \$200-250 per class. Mr. Plummer discussed dual enrollment and the fact that the courses will be taught by Hanover High School teachers to receive these credits. The teachers need to apply and be approved to be adjunct qualified teacher in order to teach an approved course. Courses are tailored for juniors and seniors. This expands options for students to obtain college credits. Students will be eligible to take this course without the college credit without a fee. More information will be given as approvals and class information is received.
- Four innovative pathways have been added to the *Program of Studies* including: *Fine and Performing Arts, Engineering and Technology, Health and Human Services and Business and Entrepreneurship*. Fourteen new courses will be introduced along with partnerships with two colleges. Questions were posed concerning the student that is not in a pathway and want a traditional liberal arts education. Mr. Paquette assured the Committee that students do not have to

enroll in a pathway. The new courses were then introduced and discussed. Mr. Paquette informed the Committee and public that Monday there will be a presentation of the *Program of Studies* to current juniors. Thursday there will be a parent night presentation and the following Monday there will be a presentation to the 9th and 10th graders. The following week a presentation will be given to the middle school.

- Libby Corbo excused herself from the meeting at 8:17pm.
- Mrs. Lynch suggested this new initiative be announced in the newspaper so people can see the exciting things that are happening at Hanover High School. They are still working on the accumulation of credits on the courses and recognition that do not impact class rank. There is a lot of work still ahead.

Mrs. Booker addressed the Committee regarding the April 11th meeting. Both Leah Miller and John Geary are unable to attend this meeting. If anyone else is unable to attend, it may have to be re-scheduled. Mr. Ferron will review the upcoming meeting schedule and agenda items. He will work with the Committee to determine whether or not this meeting will be canceled.

Motion by Lynch to adopt as the Core Values and Belief statement "*We believe in the importance of collaboration through active participation and accountability in solving problems and accomplishing goals by working with others.*" The motion seconded by Miller. The vote carried.

The next Open meeting is scheduled for April 6th at the Salmond School. The topic for the meeting is the Superintendents Evaluation. At that time it will be determined if the meeting April 11th will be held.

Public Comment: None presented

The next School Committee Meeting will be April 11, 2018 at Hanover High School: Items currently on the Agenda are: FY'19 Budget Update 4.0, Town Meeting Warrant Article Update.

Motion by Lynch to adjourn at 8:35pm. The motion was seconded by Miller. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa V. Keefe

Documents Used:

Donations
HHS Program of Studies

Appendix A
Appendix B