

ORLEANS SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of April 23, 2012
Held in the Music Room, Orleans Elementary School

APPROVED

Present for the Committee: Mary Lyttle, Josh Stewart, Eric Ehnstrom, Gwynne Guzzeau

Present for the Administration: Principal Carreiro

Others in attendance: Dale Fuller-Orleans Finance Committee

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mary Lyttle called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

AGENDA CHANGES

None

CITIZENS SPEAK

Karen Sweeney of the Orleans Playground Committee provided an update on Public Relations, as described in the Playground Public Relations Update that was issued at the meeting. Karen announced that the promotion for significant discounts for printing ends at Staples on April 28th. There are publicity opportunities for displaying more posters at Snows Home & Garden, Cape Cod Five and possibly at Town Hall and the Fourth of July Parade

RECOGNITIONS

Principal Carreiro recognized Child Specific Educational Assistants Jonathan Allard and Rosemary Johnson for the dedicated assistance provided daily to some of the intensive need students. Responsibilities include the gathering and monitoring of performance data, guiding designated students with a formal Student Support Plan, initiating behavioral support procedures and educating the students under the direction of a special education teacher. They are cheerleaders for students in crisis and cheerfully celebrate their accomplishments.

PRIORITY BUSINESS

Administrators' Reports

Principal's Report

Principal Carreiro shared that the OES Arts Night and Grandparents' Day were held the week of April 9 – 13 which were very well attended. MCAS Math and Science preparation is underway in Grades 3 – 5 for the tests to be administered in early May. A "Tools of the Mind" workshop was held at OES. The school was the site chosen for this year's Community Arbor Day Commemorative Planting, which takes place on April 28th. On the same date, a team of individuals will be on site to build and install additional raised beds as part of the school garden expansion program. A meeting was held with representatives from the Orleans Pond Coalition to expand the partnership between the two organizations, primarily on behalf of Grade 5. For the technology update, Principal Carreiro announced that iPads have been purchased for all Grade 3 teachers mostly funded by The Friends of Pleasant Bay. The plant budget is being reviewed for Town Meeting and some items may be removed. There was discussion on an outside student

Playground Subcommittee

Josh Stewart referred to Principal Carreiro's Principal Report which provided a detailed status of activities. The fundraising mail project was very successful. The projected build dates are September 26 – 29. Now the committee is looking for people to volunteer to serve as subcommittee chairs. The project needs to pass at Town Meeting to be placed as a ballot question.

Transportation Subcommittee

Eric Ehnstrom reported that at a recent meeting, data was received which provided a specific breakdown by grade. There is a need to evaluate what has happened; i.e., tardiness at OES. A year-over-year financial comparison is in progress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Gwynne Guzzeau, seconded by Josh Stewart, it was voted unanimously to approve the minutes of March 19, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Gwynne Guzzeau, seconded by Josh Stewart, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM, subject to the payment of bills.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia T. Switchenko