

Sutton School Committee
Sutton, Massachusetts 01590

The Sutton School Committee met in the Wally Johnson Meeting Room of the Sutton Municipal Center on Monday, August 1, 2011.

School Committee Members present at the meeting were Mr. Paul Brennan, Chairperson, Mr. Nate Jerome, Vice Chair, Ms. Liisa Locurto, and Ms. Kristen Feifert Clark.

Administrator present at the meeting was Mr. Theodore Friend, Superintendent.

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Ms. Locurto called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Consent Agenda

Mr. Brennan moved and Mr. Jerome seconded to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

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Mr. Limanek, Secretary arrived at 8:15 a.m.

Agenda Item 3 – Review Survey Results

Survey results were reviewed. It was decided that there should be a response to staff comments in regard to reporting maintenance issues to principals. Lines of communication need to be improved.

The committee decided to deviate from the agenda in order to further discuss issues arising from the survey results.

A discussion of iPads, smart-boards, and laptops ensued in regard to what technology would best serve the needs of Sutton students.

Middle school topics that were discussed included the possible delay in the opening of school because of the portable building not being finished on time, middle school leadership and new teams in place for the fall.

Other topics discussed in regard to survey results were athletics, homework policies, grading, and communication from teachers to parents.

In regard to budget development the Committee felt that that transparency must be maintained and improved.

Agenda Item 8 – Lunch

At approximately 11:30 a.m. the Committee adjourned for lunch.

Agenda Item 4 – Schooling by Design Chapter 3 Discussion

The Committee discussed the importance of having a proper mission statement, aligning curriculum to the mission, and also discussed the importance of cornerstone project/portfolios.

Questions asked during this discussion were:

How do we implement new ideas? And, is Sutton the proper system for some or all reforms?

It was felt that change must come from not merely administrators, but that staff must taken ownership of the change to be effective. Evaluations of administrators should include “leader” qualities.

Further discussion on these subjects is needed and the Committee decided it would revisit this discussion at a future meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Establish Subcommittees

It was felt that there should be no Budget Subcommittee this year and that all members of the Committee would participate in a budget workshop in December or January.

District Learning Team – Ms. Locurto and Ms. Feifert-Clark

Media, Communication, and Survey – Mr. Jerome and Mr. Limanek

Agenda Item 7 – Finalize 2011-2012 Meeting Schedule

Agenda Item 9 – Long-Term Budget Discussion

Agenda Item 10 – Building Project Update

Agenda Item 13 – New Business, Agenda Items, Action Items

Agenda Item 12 – Adjournment

At 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Locurto moved and Mrs. Feifert-Clark seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jesse Limanek
Secretary