

Fairfax Board of School Directors
Monday, September 8, 2008
Regular Meeting at 6:30pm
Fairfax Community Library

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Consent Agenda**
 - Minutes
 - Regular Meeting: August 11th
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 - Correspondence
- 3. Public Comment**
- 4. Reports**
 - a. Principals
 - b. Financial
 - c. School Board Members
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Field Scheduling
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Library Presentation – Joy Mercer
 - b. Updates on School Building
 - c. Transportation Contract Questions
- 7. Other**
- 8. Policies**
 - a. Volunteers Policy – Action
 - b. Animal Dissection Policy – Action
 - c. Student Medication Policy – Action
- 9. Executive Session (if needed)**
- 10. Adjourn**

Upcoming Meetings

- October 7th :: Regular Meeting** at 6:30pm in the Fairfax Community Library

School Board Vision 2008-2009

To support and provide resources for continuous improvement in teaching and learning.

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Monday, August 11, 2008
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Present: Chairperson Peg Stewart, Jeff Loller, Elaine Carpenter, Robin Freeman, Adam Benay, Ben Langelier, Armando Vilaseca, Scott Lang, Thomas Walsh, Lisa Delorme

Public: none

1. Call to Order - Peg Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Consent Agenda

Minutes

- Regular Meeting: June 9, 2008
- Annual Retreat: August 6, 2008

Hiring/Resignations

- Hiring Karine Poulin as a Foreign Language Teacher: French (1.0 FTE)
- Hiring Wayne Tozzi as a Technology/Business Teacher (0.67 FTE)

Correspondence

Action: Robin Freeman motioned to accept the Consent Agenda and Elaine Carpenter seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment – none

4. Reports

- a. Principals – The principals gave no reports as there were no updates since last week's Board Retreat.
- b. Financial – Armando stated that the auditors are coming Monday. An audit report will be completed when they are done. Armando also stated that Julie Morin has been hired as an HR person at the central office.
- c. School Board Members
 - Ben Langelier reported that football started today and there are 40+ players in attendance.
 - Elaine Carpenter stated that she attended the Summer Camp closing program and was pleased to see that all the students took an active part in the presentation.
 - Peg Stewart also attended the Summer Camp presentation and was pleased with the summer program. She reported that the Recreation Department's Egg Run had 260 runners including a lot of BFA students. She passed out a copy of the Growth Center Sidewalk study that was prepared by the Fairfax Selectboard which details the proposal of construction of a sidewalk along the west side of Main Street from Hunt Street to the northern boundary of the growth center (approximate area of Buck Hollow Road).

5. Old Business

- a. Retreat Follow-Up – Peg gathered information on the recreation area and has given it to Tom. Peg sent an email to the VSBA regarding the board terms. Elaine questioned whether there was a timeframe for the Capstone Project committee to report back to the Board. Armando responded that a committee will be formed and it was decided that they should report their findings in a February meeting presentation.

6. New Business

- a. Student Parking Discussion – Beginning this year there will be parking enforcement at the school. There will be faculty, visitor, and student parking. There will be 90+ spaces available for student parking. The school will give out a limited amount of permits based on predetermined criteria. An ad looking for a parking attendant/monitor for 2 hours a day in the morning has been published. This position will be funded through the \$50 student parking permit fee. Adam questioned if the recreation parking lot was school land. The recreation lot will be available for parking and permits will not be issued for use of this area. Adam also recommended that extracurricular activities of students be taken into account when issuing parking permits. Only students in good standing will have a parking privilege. Visitors will need to check in to the office to sign in and leave their make and model information. Tom will look into “parking by permit only” signs. Robin recommended notifying parents of the changes in the newspaper.

7. Other

Peg made the Board aware of the work that has been done on upgrading the wooded trail for XC running and skiing. Trees have been removed and chipped and it has all been completed through volunteer efforts.

Peg also brought to the Board's attention that the school owns a two-car garage building on School Street. The building has been used for storage over the years but should be cleaned out. The school has been paying for electric on the building each month. Tom will check to see if the electricity can be shut off and they will advertise to Town organizations to claim any materials that may be stored there. Following, they will rent a dumpster and clean it out.

8. Policies

- a. Revoke Old Policies – The Board looked at several old policies and determined whether to revoke them as outdated or to review and update them.

Action: Jeff Loller motioned to revoke the following old policies:

Evaluation and Supervision of Personnel Policy
Policy on Procedures for Determining Fringe Benefits
Title IX Non-Discrimination Grievance Procedure
Fiscal Procedures – Expenditure of Funds
Budgeting Procedures
Credit to be Earned in PE for Extra Curricular Participation Policy
Proposed Subdivisions Policy
School – Community Relations Policy
Guideline on Employment of Teachers at Middle Level Policy
Instructional Support System Policy
Promotion and Retention of Students Policy for Grades K-8
Resignations Policy

Elaine Carpenter seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

- b. Criminal Record Check Policy – This policy was rewritten so as to avoid requiring parents, visitors and volunteers to undergo a record check.

Action: Jeff Loller motioned to approve the Criminal Record Check Policy and Robin Freeman seconded. Passed unanimously.

- c. Volunteer & Work Study Students Policy –The Board reviewed the volunteer guidelines. Noted changes will be made to the guidelines and the policy will be brought back for action at the next meeting.
- d. Animal Dissection Policy – 1st Reading. This is a mandatory policy required by the state. It allows for students to opt out of dissection and be given an alternative assignment. It will be brought back for a final reading next meeting.
- e. Student Medication Policy – 1st Reading is. This is also a mandated policy required by the state. It allows students to self-medicate if they have life threatening conditions. It will be brought for a final reading at the next meeting

9. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.