

1 **FRAMINGHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**
2 **Desmarais Room – King Administration Building – January 6, 2015**

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4 **Present**

5 Beverly Hugo, Chair
6 Dr. Eric Silverman, Vice Chair
7 Heather Connolly, Clerk
8 Michelle Brosnahan
9 Andy Limeri
10 Jim Stockless
11 Don Taggart, III

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13 **Absent**

14 None

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16 **Also Present**

17 Dr. Stacy Scott, Superintendent
18 Jordan Cline, FHS Student Representative
19 Jackson Cote, FHS Student Representative
20 Sarah McKeon, FTA Co-President
21 Mike Koziara, FTA Co-President
22 Kim Taylor, Principal of Dunning Elementary School
23 Jae Goodwin, Dunning Elementary School Teacher
24 Liz Simon, Vice Principal of King Elementary School
25 Allison Barbary, King Elementary School Academic Coach
26 Stacey Adelman, King Elementary School Teacher
27 Sabrina Gravanti, King Elementary School Teacher
28 Matt D'Amico, Framingham High School Student
29 Dr. Ed Gotgart, Chief Operating Officer
30 Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer
31 Diana Modest, Director of Academic Supports
32 John Haidemenos, Woodrow Wilson Elementary School Principal
33 Patrick Johnson, Walsh Middle School Principal
34 Rosemary Jebari, Teacher
35 Lisa Zanella, Teacher
36 Deb Hurwoitz, Parent
37 Kim Comatas, Parent
38 Dr. Grace Wai, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development
39 Justin Martin, Public Information Officer
40 Peter Fardig, K-8 Stem Coordinator
41 Tricia Simeone, Administrative Assistant

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43 **AGENDA**

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- 67 E. MASC Legislative Liaison – Ms. Hugo
- 68 F. Policy Subcommittee – Dr. Silverman
- 69 G. Real Property – Ms. Connolly
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- 71 I. TEC Board of Directors – Ms. Connolly
- 72 J. Delegate Assembly Resolution Task Force – Mr. Stockless
- 73 K. School Lease Task Force – Ms. Connolly
- 74 L. Communications and Public Relations Task Force
- 75 VIII. Member Reports
- 76 IX. Bills and Payroll
- 77 X. Adjournment

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ACTION

81 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m. Beverly Hugo convened the School
82 Committee with seven members present. The Chair apologized for the late start due to an
83 executive session earlier this evening and read the executive session agenda. The Chair
84 announced that the meeting would be recorded and broadcast live with assistance from the
85 School Committee’s FHS-TV Producers and Framingham Public Access Cable. She noted the
86 excellent artwork around the room was that of the Fuller Middle School students. The Chair
87 read a list of channels that meetings are broadcast on and noted that they are rebroadcast
88 Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The Chair said questions can be brought directly to the
89 School Committee office at the King Building or people can call 508-626-9121. Emails can be
90 sent to school__committee@framingahm.k12.ma.us or psimeone@framingham.k12.ma.us. If
91 an issue is brought to their attention, the Committee will handle it in an expedient way.

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93 **I. MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC**

94 Chair Beverly Hugo noted that the first 15 minutes of every regularly scheduled meeting are
95 reserved for members of the public who want to comment on a topic within the School
96 Committee’s purview.

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98 Sarah McKeon and Mike Koziara, Co-Presidents of the FTA, thanked the School Committee for
99 the joint meeting on December 17, 2014, and said it was a collaborative and affective 3.5 hour
100 meeting. Ms. McKeon said there is concern with how the district spends money and
101 questioned if it is spent in the best interest of the students. She referenced an article in the
102 Patch about the Assistant Superintendent and said they feel the money should be spent on the
103 students instead. They are concerned that an entrepreneur and previous Charter School
104 employee has nothing to do with teaching or the public school system. Ms. McKeon said she is
105 tired of business people telling her how to do her job. Ms. McKeon asked that the Committee
106 carefully consider this position. Ms. McKeon said Framingham does not need to build excellent
107 schools as they already have them.

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109 Mr. Koziara said he agreed with Ms. McKeon. He passed out an article, “Teach for America and
110 Building Excellent School”, which links excellent schools to corporate America. It systematically
111 dismantles public relations and links to such organizations. (A copy of the article is on file in the
112 School Committee office with the records of this meeting.)

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114 **II. STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS AND RECOGNITION**

115 Ms. Kim Taylor, Principal of Dunning Elementary School, and Ms. Jae Goodwin, Dunning
116 Elementary School Teacher, were present to share student recognitions related to several
117 Charlotte Dunning students that have since moved on to Walsh. Sophie Albright, Matthew
118 DeVellis, and Mame-Diarra Ngom were all students in Ms. Goodwin’s class. Ms. Taylor said it
119 was a proud moment to see them work on their book trailer projects.

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121 Ms. Goodwin thanked the Committee for the opportunity to speak. She said the students had
122 to create book trailers, similar to a movie trailer, for their favorite book in the hopes of enticing
123 other students to read it. The trailers are connected to the books via a QR code and students
124 can view the attached trailer once the code is scanned. These books are designated in the
125 library with a green sticker. Ms. Goodwin said the students were inspired to do this project and
126 had a booth at a Mass. Conference to demonstrate their learning. She noted that this type of
127 work could not have been evaluated on a paper and pen test. Ms. Goodwin said the students
128 worked incredible hard. The Chair asked the students to stand and they received a round of
129 applause from the Committee and members of the public.

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131 Ms. Taylor recognized Mei-Tao Cable for winning the “Annie the Musical” Essay Contest. Ms.
132 Goodwin explained the New England Educators contest was an essay on family and all students
133 were required to participate. The Boston Globe presented Mei-Tao Cable with tickets to “Annie
134 the Musical”, and the classroom received a projector and iPad. Ms. Goodwin said the students
135 realized the opportunities for their work in the world, if they take a risk. Ms. Goodwin said the
136 school does not have enough technology in the classrooms. Ms. Hugo asked that Mei-Tao
137 Cable stand and she received a round of applause from all who attended the meeting.

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139 Dr. Scott asked that the families and teachers stand, and they were given a round of applause.
140 Dr. Scott thanked everyone for attending and for their hard work. Ms. Hugo asked that the
141 students, teacher, and principal be acknowledged by the School Committee and recognized for
142 their work.

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144 **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

145 **A. King Elementary School STEAM Exhibition**

146 Ms. Liz Simon, Vice Principal of King Elementary School, was present to share information from
147 the STEAM Exhibition/Celebration held at the King Elementary School on December 18, 2014.

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149 Ms. Simon introduced her staff Allison Barbary, Stacey Adelman, and Sabrina Gravanti and said
150 that STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The December
151 exhibition was a project where students were asked to work with a buddy and build a house
152 that would not fall down when the “big bad wolf” (a fan) blew on it. The teachers shared a
153 video that was created about the process.

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155 Ms. Gravanti said they worked on a problem which was to build a house that would not fall
156 down. Ms. Gravanti said she was proud of the students but was nervous when the project
157 began as she was unsure how students would react if their house fell down. She said they
158 taught each step of the puzzle and explained to the students how to collaborate, compromise
159 and persevere. It was a hands-on, meaningful, real life project.

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161 Ms. Adelman explained the process of building the houses. She said they read multiple versions
162 of the Three Little Pigs. Ms. Adelman showed several presentation boards that students
163 created during the project and stated they used the same language as found in the books.
164 After the project was complete, they showed the students a video of HS students going through
165 the same process, and the children could see how the process and challenges were similar.

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167 Ms. Barbary discussed the integration of the curriculum in the project. She said the students
168 learned about teamwork, perseverance and stamina. They also did presentations for the public
169 where they could talk about their project. She noted that they are looking forward to the
170 spring exhibition and hope people will attend.

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172 Ms. Simon thanked the Committee for the opportunity to share this project and the work of the
173 students. Dr. Scott said he is proud of this team and how they designed the process, as well as
174 how they got the students to engage in hands-on learning. He said he appreciates the work of
175 those involved. Dr. Scott said this was a pioneer project. Design building activities and
176 performance related tasks are where learning is headed.

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178 Mr. Taggart said he was delighted to see the project in action. Ms. Hugo also attended and
179 noted that a teacher attended from Malden and said in 1 year Framingham was years ahead of
180 where they are. Ms. Hugo said the kids were having fun and were excited about their learning.
181 Ms. Hugo asked that the Committee write letter of recognition for the school and the value of
182 their work.

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184 **II. STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS AND RECOGNITION (continued)**

185 Matt D’Amico, Framingham High School Senior, was present to share his recent environmental
186 activism. He said he drafted a ban on single use plastic water bottles in Framingham; he used
187 ideas from the recent ban in Concord, MA and his experiences in Environmental Science during
188 his junior year. Mr. D’Amico had the opportunity to meet people throughout the state and said
189 it was an incredible experience. He was addressed at the Town Meeting by 8-10 state lobbyists
190 and the vote failed by only 10 votes. He is now trying this at the high school level by obtaining
191 hydration stations. Mr. D’Amico said they are easy to use as they are touch free. This
192 discourages the use of plastic water bottles and helps people with a fear of germs. Mr. D’Amico
193 was pleased to announce that he was informed by local media that Framingham High School
194 will be getting two hydration stations. He said these small changes add up and generally
195 improve the environment. Mr. D’Amico was given a round of applause.

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197 Mr. Cline said that Mr. D’Amico has put in a tremendous amount of work and is a young adult
198 with an unreal amount of ambition. Mr. Cline said it is admirable that Mr. D’Amico took this
199 step and thanked him for his hard work.

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201 Dr. Silverman stated he supported this effort and it is good for Mr. D’Amico to have 8 corporate
202 lobbyists position against him. Ms. Hugo said he makes everyone proud. Ms. Hugo asked that
203 a letter of commendation be sent to Mr. D’Amico.

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205 Ms. Brosnahan said varsity basketball coaches came to TBA Basketball and ran a clinic for
206 younger players. They showed their love of the support, respect to coaches and other players.

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208 Ms. Hugo noted that Jordan Cline received early acceptant to Columbia University. Mr. Cline
209 received a round of applause.

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211 **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS (continued)**

212 **B. FY16 School Department Budget**

213 Dr. Ed Gotgart, Chief Financial Officer, was present to discuss the preliminary FY16 School
214 Department budget outlook and process.

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216 Dr. Gotgart said FPS began FY15 with a \$1.6M gap and has instituted many initiatives to try to
217 close the gap. Dr. Gotgart reviewed the budget plan that was presented to the Town. He noted
218 that Circuit Breaker was \$141K less this year and could be attributed to the State changing the
219 Circuit Breaker formula. The potential freeze is an area where they expect to make up some
220 funds but as of today they are still \$500K short. Dr. Gotgart said he is hopeful the State will
221 come up with more money for homeless transportation, which will assist in closing the gap. Dr.
222 Scott they will do all they can to slow down spending and to curtail the needs.

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224 Dr. Gotgart said FPS will do everything in their power to not go to the Town for additional
225 funding in the spring. For FY16 they created a plan with the CFO’s expenditure of \$114M, a
226 \$5.5M increase. Additional Salaries are increasing due to improved fulfillment rate on
227 substitute teachers through AESOP, with all schools having over a 90% fulfillment rate. The
228 expenses are up \$2.5M due to Buildings and Grounds, additional bus runs for the King School
229 and Charter School, and a SPED increase due to Circuit Breaker cuts. Dr. Gotgart noted that the
230 Charter School move went well over the holidays and he commended the transportation staff.

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232 Dr. Gotgart noted that COLA negotiations would put FPS in the red. Dr. Scott said the salary
233 COLA does not include unexpected challenges each year and is comparable to previous years.
234 They are attempting to accommodate homeless transportation costs from the previous year.
235 Salaries are a guestimate and they are improving the accounting system. This number will
236 fluctuate with greater precision of the system and will be discussed in negotiations with the
237 teachers association.

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239 Dr. Gotgart discussed the historical trending of major budget impact factors and how they are
240 increasing. Dr. Scott said the State wants to improve Chapter 70 funding to towns.
241 Framingham has had a high increase in Chapter 70 funding but it is still significantly
242 underfunded based on the Chapter 70 formula, a gap they are working hard to close. They are
243 advocating with the legislative delegates as the children of Framingham need the funding to
244 meet the needs of both the students and teachers. The number of students is growing rapidly.
245 Dr. Gotgart said the Circuit Breaker cut was very disappointing and difficult to absorb. There
246 are many moving parts and it is a complex financial picture.

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248 Ms. Hugo mentioned the Chapter 70 Foundation Commission is meeting next month and Dr.
249 Scott will be testifying on behalf of Framingham. At the School Committee meeting on January
250 20, 2015, Town Chief Financial Officer Ellen Kelley and Town Manager Bob Halpin will be
251 present to discuss the FY16 budget.

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253 **C. Proposed Draft – 2015-2016 School Year Calendar**

254 Dr. Sonia Diaz, Chief Academic Officer, was present to share a draft of the School Year 2015-
255 2016 Calendar. The School Committee did not vote on the calendar at this meeting.

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257 Dr. Diaz read a list of members who participated in the creation of the calendar and said they
258 had a diverse group. Dr. Diaz said the calendar truly reflects the needs of the Town and the
259 Committee formally met four times. There were a few minor edits to the calendar and the list
260 of comparisons between this year and last year. Discussion points included holidays,
261 professional development days, full day versus half days, parent teacher conferences, early
262 release days, winter break, school vacations, consistency of PD and early release days, and the
263 start and end of the school year. Dr. Diaz detailed the communication plan once the proposed
264 calendar is approved. Dr. Diaz noted that evening conferences are subject to negotiations and
265 if not agreed upon, two additional dates would be added to the calendar.

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267 Kim Comatas, Town wide PTO co-president, Framingham Public School parent, stated that the
268 committee is happy with how the calendar looks. A repeated thought was learning time and
269 the concerns of parents with early release days. The proposed early release days has been
270 reduced by 50% from last year.

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272 Mr. Haidemenos, Woodrow Wilson Principal, said they discussed with the district time to meet
273 with the staff. It was cordial and everyone listened to each other intently. Mr. Haidemenos
274 said it was a great experience to be involved in this process.

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276 Mr. Johnson, Walsh Middle School Principal, discussed the half days and teachers wanting this
277 time spent in the classrooms. He noted that the feedback from teachers was positive. They
278 hope the committee will vote positively for this calendar as a lot of thought went into it.

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280 Mr. Koziara, FTA Co-President, thanked Ms. Jebari and Ms. Zanella for their hard work and
281 considering that several items are dependent on contract negotiations. He appreciated that
282 there was forethought for alternate days. Ms. Jebari thanked everyone for their collaboration.

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284 Ms. Comatas discussed the early start date and said it is about the same date as this year but
285 seems early due to Labor Day being late. Ms. Hurwitz, parent of two Dunning students, said
286 that being able to bring information from parents to the committee was useful. Ms. Hurwitz
287 noted that for working parents, starting after Labor Day is not feasible.

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289 The committee said the school year calendar ends on the 185th day due to parents planning
290 vacation and students often missing the final week of school. It is a contingency and the days
291 can be reduced if they are not needed.

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293 Ms. Hugo and Mr. Stockless thanked everyone for their hard work. Mr. Limeri said this is the
294 process they have been asking for and the collaboration can be a model for other areas. Mr.
295 Limeri asked when the recommended graduation date would be and Dr. Diaz stated it would be
296 Sunday, June 6, 2015. Dr. Diaz said the formal announcement and sharing of the calendar will
297 be done after the Committee takes a vote. Dr. Scott said we can put the proposed calendar on
298 the school website and Dr. Diaz said it will be presented to the Presidents PTO tomorrow.

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300 Dr. Silverman said he is thrilled to see parent's input. He anticipates a lot of feedback and
301 asked where people can centralize their comments. Dr. Diaz stated that Kristin de Souza can be
302 the contact and her number is 508-626-9132. People can email Dr. Diaz directly, at
303 sdiaz@framingham.k12.ma.us or Kristin at kdesouza@framingham.k12.ma.us. They are happy
304 to accept any and all comments.

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306 **D. Elementary Report Cards**

307 Dr. Grace Wai, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, was present to update
308 the School Committee on the rollout of the new elementary report cards.

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310 Dr. Wai discussed the report cards and said they are about to be submitted. She listed all
311 members who participated in the updating of the report cards and thanked them. Dr. Wai said
312 the first section of the report card is on personal growth, with indicators on consistency,
313 independence and if a student needs ongoing support. The second part is literacy, reading,
314 language and writing. In this section, students will be graded using M (mastery and
315 independence toward proficiency), P (progressing), B (beginning), N (not yet demonstrating), or
316 X (not addressed at this time). Dr. Wai said that P would be more frequent in the first term and
317 M would be more frequent in the second term. The practice standard is marked with numbers
318 1-4 and how consistently a student keeps these standards. Social studies and science are
319 already included on the report card. Dr. Wai noted that physical education has three sections:
320 personal growth, academic skills, and effort.

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322 Dr. Wai concluded that the new report card matches the current English Language Arts (ELA)
323 and math standards. As curriculum changes, the report cards will be updated. They expect to
324 receive feedback from both parents and teachers. Grades are entered and generated through
325 the Aspen X2 program. Report cards will be issued on January 29, 2015 and last day of school.
326 Dr. Wai said she can be reached directly with questions or to contact her administrative
327 assistant, Alisa Morgan.

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329 In responding to a question from Mr. Limeri, Dr. Wai said she will be at upcoming meetings for
330 several schools to present the new report cards. They will also be available on the district
331 website. Since this is the first time the new report cards will be distributed, a district letter will
332 be enclosed for parents so they know why the report cards look different.

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334 Ms. Hugo thanked Dr. Wai for her presentation. Ms. Brosnahan said children who receive IEP
335 support will never get a 4 and the system appears to be an emotional and social setback. Dr.
336 Wai said there is an effort section for each area which is based on how hard a student tries.
337 Ms. Brosnahan commented that the report cards might not show improvement, even if test
338 and homework scores go up. Dr. Wai explained that IEP students also receive progress reports
339 and they are more detailed.

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341 Dr. Silverman said schoolwork is returned and graded on a 100-point scale, and this might make
342 it difficult for a parent to interpret the grade based on this new system. He said they need to
343 coach parents and prepare the kids. Dr. Wai said the teachers worked to create criteria of
344 indicators to help them decide mastery from proficient and need to shift how they talk to kids
345 about grades. The online or Three Little Pigs projects cannot be graded on a point scale. This is
346 based towards the expected 20th century skills.

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348 Dr. Scott said the issue is a culture change and moving the grading process to match the shift in
349 the changing curriculum. This will show progress in terms of critical skills that are needed and
350 where students are on the continuum. It accelerates the movement of the system overall. Dr.
351 Scott said he wants students to all be at the highest level and they need feedback on how to
352 pursue mastery. FPS needs to evolve the grading system and will need to educate the
353 community on what this means, looks like, and how to explain it to the children.

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355 Dr. Silverman said this is terrific and should be transitioned to additional grade levels. Ms.
356 Connolly asked where the teachers' comments are located that would clarify why a student is
357 where they are and Dr. Wai said they are located at the end of each section. Dr. Wai said that
358 over the next two years, science and social studies will be updated as well.

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360 Mr. Taggart said he was concerned with report cards being sent on the last day of school and it
361 is hard for parents to reach out to teachers for answers. Dr. Wai said they can raise this issue
362 with the revision committee.

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364 In answering a question on feedback from Mr. Limeri, Dr. Wai said this was a struggle for the
365 committee when comparing students within each level. She said it could be added within the
366 comments section. Regardless of the level a child is at, FPS still needs to challenge them.

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368 Ms. Hugo asked if there was any parent feedback and Dr. Wai said they can include an area in
369 the signature section of the report card. Dr. Scott said it was great work by the department in
370 reaching a place with overall progression that the district will benefit from as a whole.

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372 **IV. POLICY REVISION**

373 **A. Policy JIC (Student Discipline)**

374 The Policy Sub-Committee met and reviewed Policy JIC, Student Discipline. The Sub-Committee
375 recommends that the School Committee vote to approve the first reading of the revision. The
376 revision and original policy were attached.

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378 Ms. Hugo turned discussion over to Dr. Silverman. Dr. Silverman said they will table this item to
379 allow the Subcommittee to do more work before bringing it to the Committee. Ms. Hugo
380 thanked the work of the Subcommittee.

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382 **B. Assistant Superintendent**

383 The School Committee met earlier this evening in executive session to discuss the appointment
384 of an Assistant Superintendent. The School Committee will make public any vote it had taken
385 earlier this evening.

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387 Ms. Hugo said this vote will be postponed due to not being voted on earlier this evening.

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389 **C. School Committee Meeting Date Change**

390 The School Committee will need to reschedule its meeting on February 3, 2015 to February 10,
391 2015.

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393 Ms. Hugo stated that she and Mr. Stockless will be going to Washington, D.C. to lobby on behalf
394 of the schools. Dr. Scott recommended that the School Committee vote to change its meeting
395 from February 3, 2015 to February 10, 2015.

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397 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Limeri and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School Committee**
398 **vote to move their meeting from February 3, 2015 to February 10, 2015. Discussion: None.**
399 **Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Limeri, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and**
400 **Mr. Taggart voting in favor; 7-0-0.**

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402 **V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

403 Dr. Scott said he is pleased to present Justin Martin as the new part-time Public Relations
404 employee. Mr. Martin began working this week and comes from a background in
405 communication management. Dr. Scott said there is a lot of work to be done within the district
406 and Mr. Martin will assist with reviewing and building the communication plan, and building
407 their presence in the media. They will discuss what to monitor, how to move forward, and how
408 to update the community as to what is happening. Dr. Scott welcomed Mr. Martin for joining
409 FPS. Ms. Hugo said she is looking forward to working with him.

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411 Dr. Scott mentioned that High School Principal Mr. Goldberg has been granted medical leave.
412 Associate Principal Elyse Torbert has been named the interim principal.

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414 Dr. Scott discussed the job description of the Assistant Superintendent and said it will be posted
415 on the website. His office will revise the organizational chart so people can better understand
416 the various roles and where to go if they have a concern. In this meeting alone, Dr. Scott said
417 they have seen the considerable effort of the teachers and the hard work of the students, from
418 elementary to high school.

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420 Dr. Scott said the media is sharing information about the MSBA vote to not support the
421 Fuller/Farley rebuild. They have several contingency plans that are going into effect. Dr. Scott
422 said they will state how they plan on responding and the alternatives will be used as
423 Framingham re-applies to the MSBA.

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425 Dr. Scott addressed the maintenance of bathrooms and referenced a memo he sent to building
426 custodians. They will move quickly to address soap dispensers that are not working properly
427 and have instituted hourly checks of the bathrooms to address things on a more immediate
428 response. Dr. Scott noted they are down in custodial staff due to budget constraints and will
429 try to build this in the future.

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431 On a final note, Dr. Scott said they have made several minor adjustments to PARCC testing. The
432 state has granted that Dunning and Potter can take written tests. They had this ability for Fuller
433 but believe Fuller is ready for online testing and will continue to do so. They are accelerating
434 the movement towards technology with more devices for the students in a 4 year roll out for
435 assessments.

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437 **VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

438 **A. October 9, 2014 Executive Session Minutes**

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440 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Limeri and seconded by Ms. Connolly that the School**
441 **Committee approve the October 9, 2014 executive session minutes. Discussion:**
442 **None. Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Limeri, Dr. Silverman, Mr.**
443 **Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor; 7-0-0.**

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445 **B. November 25, 2014 Joint Executive Session Minutes**

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447 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Limeri and seconded by Dr. Silverman that the School**
448 **Committee approve the November 25, 2014 joint executive session minutes as**
449 **amended. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr.**
450 **Limeri, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor; 7-0-0.**

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452 **C. December 2, 2014 and December 9, 2014 Open Minutes, December 17, 2014 Joint**
453 **Meeting with the FTA**

454 The Chair asked the members to vote the minutes as a consent agenda.

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456 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Limeri and seconded by Mr. Stockless that the School**
457 **Committee approve, as consent agenda, the December 2, 2014 and December 9, 2014**
458 **open session minutes, and the December 17, 2014 joint meeting minutes with the**
459 **FTA. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Limeri, Dr.**
460 **Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voting in favor; 7-0-0.**

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VII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

A. Academic Data Dashboard – Mr. Limeri

No report.

B. Buildings & Grounds/Capital Budget Subcommittee – Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly said they will be meeting towards the end of January or the beginning of February.

C. Finance Subcommittee – Ms. Hugo

Ms. Hugo said the Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on January 13, 2015.

D. District Wellness Committee – Ms. Hugo

Ms. Hugo said they are still working on nutritional guidelines and student stress.

E. MASC Legislative Liaison – Ms. Hugo

Ms. Hugo and Mr. Stockless are on the statewide Board of Directors. On February 1 and 2 they will be in Washington, D.C. to testify with Dr. Scott for additional Chapter 70 funding. Day on the Hill was just released for April 29, 2015.

F. Policy Subcommittee – Dr. Silverman

Dr. Silverman said the statewide meeting to improve policy is free. Representatives from Early Education and Care, and the Chairs of the Board of Educations will be in attendance.

G. Real Property – Ms. Connolly

No report.

H. Suburban Coalition – Mr. Limeri

Mr. Limeri said there is a meeting on February 11, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Newton Marriott.

I. TEC Board of Directors – Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly said there is a meeting a week from this coming Friday.

J. Delegate Assembly Resolution Task Force – Mr. Stockless

No report.

K. School Lease Task Force – Ms. Connolly

No report.

L. Communications and Public Relations Task Force

Ms. Hugo said they are putting together the new Task Force with the following individuals: School Committee member Jim Stockless as convener, Dr. Silverman, School Committee member, Mr. Taggart, School Committee member, the new Assistant Superintendent, Magaly Sanchez, Director of Family and Community Engagement, Justin Martin, Public Information Officer, Framingham High School Principal / designee, Kim Comatas, Town Wide PTO President, Brad Puffer, Catherine Allen, Geoffrey Epstein, Elizabeth LaMonica, Greg Palmer, Mike Phipps. Ms. Hugo noted that all meetings are public and anyone can attend. Their mission is to

508 enhance the communication network of the committee, and to provide timely and accurate
509 information to the public. Mr. Limeri asked if they should invite the local media to participate
510 for their thoughts and Mr. Stockless said he was planning to.

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512 **VIII. MEMBER REPORTS**

513 Dr. Silverman said the local media will print his New Year Resolutions as a School Committee
514 member and he will let people know once it is published.

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516 Ms. Hugo said parents with students on IEPs can be directed to Laura Spear in the Special
517 Education Office. She noted that after the meeting adjourns, the Committee will take a photo
518 for the Annual Town Report.

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520 **IX. BILLS AND PAYROLL**

521 The Chair asked members to remain after the meeting to review and sign warrants.

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523 **X. ADJOURNMENT**

524 The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

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526 **MOTION: Moved by Mr. Stockless and seconded by Dr. Silverman that the School**
527 **Committee adjourn the meeting. Discussion: None. Vote: Ms. Brosnahan, Ms.**
528 **Connolly, Ms. Hugo, Mr. Limeri, Dr. Silverman, Mr. Stockless and Mr. Taggart voted in**
529 **favor; 7-0-0.**

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531 The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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533 *These minutes were approved by the Framingham School Committee at the meeting of February*
534 *24, 2015.*

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536 *A copy of the minutes was forwarded to the Office of the Town Clerk on February 26, 2015.*

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538 **MEETING DOCUMENTS**

539 Proposed Draft – 2015-2016 School Year Calendar (School, Academic Comparison, Holiday)

540 Policy JIC (Student Discipline) – Current and Revised

541 October 9, 2014 Executive Session Minutes

542 November 25, 2014 Joint Executive Session Minutes

543 December 2, 2014 Open Minutes

544 December 9, 2014 Open Minutes

545 December 17, 2014 Joint Meeting with the FTA

546 FY15 Budget Plan

547 Sample Report Cards