



**Teaching and Learning Subcommittee
Remote via Zoom
June 8, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.
Open Meeting Minutes**

PRESENT: Chair Beverly Hugo, Scott Wadland, Tiffanie Maskell, Priscila Sousa*

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Amy Bright, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Anne Ludes, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Genoveffa Grieci, Director of Bilingual Education
Jennifer LaBollita, Assistant Director of Bilingual Education
Evaggelia Diamontopolous, Curriculum Coordinator of ELs & Bilingual Programs
Joanna Hastry, Executive Assistant for the School Committee

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She noted all in attendance and said that the meeting was being held remotely, was being broadcast live on Facebook and was also being recorded. She announced that the approval of minutes will be put on next month's agenda. She asked for a moment of silence for all those suffering in our city, country and our world.

*Ms. Sousa joined at 6:02 p.m.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Phase 3 Remote Learning Update

Assistant Superintendents Amy Bright and Anne Ludes gave an update on the Phase 3 Remote Learning plan. Ms. Ludes said they will still be using summer reading lists for summer programming, but this year they changed up the model due to COVID-19. Due to access issues, they have provided a long list of books for students to choose from, all of which have links to digital access. Ms. Bright said that they worked with Library Media Specialists for access for students in the virtual environment, as well as different languages, and provided windows and mirrors to kids that we serve. She said that, at the elementary level, they included a bingo board where students can participate in reading through a variety of experiences. Ms. Ludes said that they worked with math coaches and teachers at the middle school level to develop a fun math program to keep skills fresh and continue working on fluency. She added that Dr. Tremblay reached out to school employees and solicited input on whatever learning will look like next year. There was an opportunity to volunteer to be on a taskforce to address all the issues that may arise for next school year. Mr. Wadland said that he received feedback about students being cyberbullied within the context of remote learning, and asked if this was known,

how teachers are responding to it, if parents are being notified, and if it will be reported so it can be looked at within student conduct and discipline in future reports. Ms. Bright said initial guidance for virtual learning was sent and should be followed during video conferencing. If an incident occurs, the teacher would report to administration and they would follow through. She said that permissions could be turned off. During this time, they still follow legislation on bullying and incidents would still be reported and investigated. She added that they are aware of times when students are in a virtual environment and are making comments, which are being addressed by administration and teachers, but are not aware of bullying. Ms. Ludes said that, at the secondary level, they have not seen any issues. It is a good reminder that anyone can report an incident, and the steps, including notifying parents and documenting the investigation, are taken seriously. Ms. Maskell asked if the programs that were previously being used, such as i-Ready and Imagine Learning, will still be available to students. Ms. Ludes said they will be, pending the budget being approved, as they are listed within the FY21 School Budget. She added that curriculum purchases are front loaded, and if materials are not approved for the whole year, they will have to figure out how to purchase those.

Office of Multilingual Education

The Office of Multilingual Education presented on technology-based resources during COVID-19, including a breakdown of enrollment and programs, resources for students and families, the challenges encountered, and summer programming.

Ms. Maskell asked about Club Exitos and Club Succisos. She expressed concern that they are not happening this year, and what that means for support for dual language learners. Ms. Grieci said that they cannot be grant funded, and they do not have district funds for them, so they are looking to see if the City can help with funding. She said she will bring concerns forward and see if there are other ways to fund them. Ms. Hugo expressed concern about kids already at-risk during this time, such as students in SLIFE (those with interrupted schooling), homeless students and students of extreme poverty, and wondered what can be done due to the lean budget this year. Ms. Grieci said that is the exact group they are worried about, those who have unique situations apart from technology or internet access. She spoke to all the outreach that they have been doing to try and make constant connections to students and families at home during this time. Ms. Hugo encouraged all to attend the City Council meeting tomorrow to help fight for the district budget. Ms. Hugo asked how many languages are spoken in the Framingham schools, and asked about the Seal of Biliteracy for seniors. Ms. Grieci said that there are 72 languages spoken within the district. Ms. Diamontopolous said that they accessed about 300 students for the Seal of Biliteracy of whom 60 will be receiving the seal this year. There are additional awards for 5th, 8th, and 12th graders.

Adjournment

Ms. Hugo said that the next meeting will be a workshop to update the subcommittee's mission, review the goals, and develop a 18 month agenda timeline. She said there will be a poll for dates and times for the next month of two.

Motion: To adjourn. **Moved:** Mr. Wadland **Seconded:** Ms. Sousa

Roll Call Vote: 4-0-0 (Yes: Wadland, Maskell, Sousa, Hugo).

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Meeting Materials

Agenda

Multilingual Language Department Technology Resources During Covid 19

These minutes were approved by the Teaching and Learning Subcommittee in Open Session on July 29, 2020.

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