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Teaching and Learning Subcommittee

Remote

October 26, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

Open Meeting Minutes

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Superintendent for PreK-12 Education Amy Bright, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Amy Gerade, Executive Assistant to the School Committee Joanna Hastry

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 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.

Public Comment

Gustavo Villatoro said that in the Spring they were excited to hear about the Kindergarten schedule with two recesses and were disappointed when in the Fall they heard that that would not be the schedule. He said that research shows that learning should be centered around play, that Framingham is not following DESE's guidelines and is spending more time on learning, and that many other Districts have two or more recess periods in Kindergarten. He said that he urges Framingham to look very closely at the policy on recess and change the schedules for Kindergarten to Grade 3 to include two recesses.

Ms. Maskell noted that there were two emails that were sent in and were included in the packet for public comment. She said that the emails were from Angela Doughty, who has a Kindergarten student at Brophy, and Christine Guarino, who has a Kindergarten student at Brophy, and they were writing in with concerns and support of a second recess in Kindergarten.

FTA/Management Collaboration, MCAS update, Kindergarten Schedule Next Steps, Chromebook Update, Math 9-12 Curriculum Review, and Special Education Vertical Alignment

Assistant Superintendent for PreK-12 Education Amy Bright and Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Amy Gerade shared a presentation on all the agenda topics with information on school opening, a FTA/Management update, MCAS results in Elementary ELA, Elementary Math, Middle School ELA, Middle School, Math, FHS ELA and Math, and Science, Kindergarten schedule next steps, a Chromebook Update, Math 9-12 Curriculum review, and Special Education vertical alignment.

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Discussion on the State's decision for a Competency Determination for the Class of 2022, which students have the opportunity to receive if they pass a corresponding class with a passing grade if they do not pass the MCAS, the members hope that this could be available in the future and not just a temporary measure, and how these students receive the same high school diploma as those who passed MCAS. Members asked what factors the pandemic had on MCAS and attendance, what technology skills are needed to complete MCAS, and when parents will be getting results. Ms. Bright said that the MCAS was held in person but will follow up with the Principal regarding any factors the pandemic had. Ms. Gerade spoke about the program I-Ready that is used in schools which helps with the skills needed for MCAS, along with remote learning last year that helped students be resilient in figuring out how to complete things on a computer. Ms. Gerade said that the MCAS results will be going out on Friday.

Members expressed concern about waiting to change the schedule until the following year for a second recess in Kindergarten and how this has been a topic of discussion for years without a change. Members discussed how this is a best practice and the importance of social emotional needs for students, especially after losing socialization time during the pandemic. Discussion on if changing one of the special periods or combining snack time with a second recess would be a possibility. Discussion on this topic to be continued at the Policy Subcommittee meeting on October 27, 2021.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair noted that the minutes of March 29, 2021 are not ready for review yet and will be put on the next agenda.

Motion: To approve the minutes of March 8, 2021.

Moved: Mr. Wadland **Seconded:** Ms. Sousa **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)
(Yes: Hugo, Wadland, Sousa, Maskell)

Adjournment

The Chair noted that the next meeting will be on December 6, 2021 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Motion: To adjourn.

Moved: Ms. Maskell **Seconded:** Ms. Sousa **Roll Call Vote:** Unanimous (4-0-0)
(Yes: Hugo, Wadland, Sousa, Maskell)

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Meeting Materials

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