

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #38 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Maranacook Community Middle School
December 6, 2017
Minutes of Meeting

Members Present: Chair Betty Morrell, Vice Chair, Gary Carr, Wendy Brotherlin, Cathy Jacobs, Melissa O’Neal, Kaleb Pushard, , Lucas Rumler, Thomas Sneed, David Twitchell, Adam Woodford, Alexander Wright
Member Excused: Shawn Roderick, Jon Caron
Student Reps: John McLaughlin, Hannah Woodford, Naeema O’Rourke, Thomas Struck
Administrators: Superintendent Donna Wolfrom, Principals Jeff Boston, Dwayne Conway, and Rick Hogan, Assistant Principal Kristen Levesque, Special Education Director Ryan Meserve, Technology Director Diane MacGregor, Finance Manager Brigitte Williams

1. Call to order: Chair Morrell called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM
2. Recognition Ceremony for Boys’ Soccer Team – State Champions
Congratulations to all the coaches and the boys on winning the 2017 Class C soccer championship. Coach Beckwith spoke and thanked the community for their support, noting that this is community trophy. Thank you to the parents. Each boys was congratulated and given a certificate.
3. Presentations:
 - a. GEAR UP- Kristen Levesque
The Gear UP Grant awards RSU 38 with \$50,000 for students enrolled in grades 7- 12. The students that are supported are students that may have any of the following situations, have failed a class, have an IEP, have a 504 Plan, are receiving free and reduced lunch, or are at risk for any reason to complete school. This program is to help these students understand and achieve their goals upon graduation. Below are some examples:
Gwen Mohlar- supporting families with post-secondary plan. We help first generation students to achieve their goals (see vision statement handout).
Activities that are sponsor by GEAR UP (see packet)
Will Malsbury - Alternative Education Teacher presented a slide show. He commented that his classroom is awesome thanks to the GEAR UP grant. The supplies, tools and opportunities for field trips allow students to have more success in school which carries on to success out of school.
Jean Roesner – The Maine College Circle is composed of parents, board members, and students. Students shared their stories. Middle School student Dwight Cochrane was awarded a \$100 scholarship. He feels it can help kids get into college. Middle School student Shelby Rourke has participated for 2 years - this has helped her have more fun, engagement and then prompted her to look into CATC in high school, Ms. Satterfield loves to help students write the essay, they need to identify a career, college and the classes they need to get there. This offers a great deal of support to students in understanding their next step to achieve their goals. This encourages them to explore what they would like to do. This program needs more people to help. They are looking for \$100 donations, which are needed to provide scholarships to students.
 - b. Technology Update
Diane McGregor introduced Norm Robichaud, network manager, Jeff Tracy, technology assistant, Lori Twiss, high school technology integrator, Mary Florek, technology ed tech III at the middle school, and Denise Churchill, K-8 integrator serving 5 schools. Future plan is to split the K-8 integration specialist’s time to increase time at the elementary schools.
Coding presentation was given as we are using Hour of Code in most of our schools. This is important because it is drive innovation. Coding allows kids to be creative, builds confidence, and is best learned early. Last night we held a Family Night of Code and 44 parents and students were in attendance. High school students visited middle school students to work with them on coding. MLTI employees visited our schools to experience how our tech teams are working.

4. Student Representatives Reports:

Middle school: Each team has chosen topics and themes for their curriculum. These include topics like Art Literature, Geography, International Conflict, Civil War, Economy and the Stock Market, and more. Chorus is singing a song in Hebrew.

High School: The Academic Awards Ceremony was held, and the first Operation Breaking Stereotype overnight visit was hosted with success. The Debate Team Won Sweepstakes, the Math Team took 3rd Place. Winter sports are under way. KJ Athletes of the Year: Jackson McPhedran - soccer, Luke Bartol and Molly McGrail - Cross Country. Student Council met with two members of the Leadership Team to discuss HOW grades and Eligibility. Teens Issues took place today and Kids Who Care is coming up on December 15th.

5. Citizens' Comments: None

6. Additions/Adjustments to the Agenda by Board and/or Superintendent: none

7. Action/Discussion/Informational Items:

a. Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2017

MOTION by Carr, second by Brotherlin to accept the Minutes of November 15, 2017 as presented.

Motion Carried: unanimous

b. Consideration of request for leave of absence, second semester 2018, Steven DeAngelis

MOTION by Carr, second by Rumler to approve the request for a second semester leave of absence for Steven DeAngelis. Discussion followed.

Motion Carried: 10 in favor, 0 opposed: 1 abstained (O'Neal)

c. Appointment of First Probationary Teacher - Emma Mohnney, MS French

MOTION by Carr, second by Jacobs to appoint Emma Mohnney to a first probationary contract as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

d. Acceptance of Donations

MOTION by Carr, second by Jacobs to accept the donations as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

e. Consideration of overnight travel, Wayne Elementary School Grades 4-5, Bryant Pond, May 14-15, 2018

MOTION by Carr, second by Rumler to approve the overnight travel to Bryant Pond for Wayne Elementary School grade 4-5 students as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

f. Consideration of overnight travel, Maranacook Community Middle School, Royal River Team, The Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset, April 24-27, 2018

MOTION by Carr, second by Brotherlin to approve the overnight travel request to Chewonki Foundation, Wiscasset, Maine, as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

g. Consideration of out-of-state/overnight travel, Maranacook Community High School, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, May 17-18, 2018

MOTION by Carr, second by Brotherlin to approve the out-of-state/overnight trip to Northeastern University, Boston, MA as presented. **Motion Carried:** unanimous

h. Policy First Readings: BHC/GBD, School Board Staff Communication; GCI, Professional Staff Development Opportunities; JJI, Philosophy of Athletics

Superintendent Wolfrom reported the above policies are being brought to the Board for first reading. Please submit any questions or comments regarding these policies to the Central Office. The Policy Committee will be meeting Tuesday, 12/19 to review any comments before bringing these policies to the Board for second reading in January.

8. Informational Items: provided in Board packet

9. Adjournment: **MOTION** and second to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna H. Wolfrom, Superintendent/Secretary
K. Thompson, Recorder