Quorum: 997/997

1. Call to Order
   5:58 PM - Mary Richards call to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

4. Approval of Minutes for March 8, 2022
   Motion: Kayla, 2nd: Amber - Unanimous

5. Public Comments
   NONE

6. Presentations: Doris Mitchell-Grades 3-5 and HS Presentation in regards to early release Tuesday workshops.
   Holly Haggan Austin, Bullying Presentation

   - Doris Mitchell: 3-5 Tuesday PD time - Spent time on reading research, best practices, benchmarks, curriculum - Refer to video recording for details
     - Request from board to get an update after curriculum is chosen and again after implementation
   - Rowenna Hathaway: High school Tuesday PD time - WIN time, websites, program of studies, the project - Refer to video recording for details
   - Holly Haggan Austin: Bullying Presentation. Holly shows her website and resources. Discussed Second Step. Went through policy forms on reporting, investigating, and responding to bullying reports. See video and/or Social worker website for details.
Chris Farmer states that he feels this is one of the biggest issues facing children.
- recommends a waiver form for the “bully” parents to be able to waive or allow the school to tell the bullied child’s parents about consequences rendered for more transparency
- Asks for follow-up and as much info to be shared as possible

Joanna Taylor asks what information parents of the bullied child are given after the fact? - See video for details of answers

Danielle Lemay - asked for particulars on the process of reporting

Amber Haley - mentions that people are still not fully aware of the existence of the forms - not sure how to increase that awareness.

7. Chair, Superintendent, Principal and Student Representative Comments

Chair -
- Abby has a website for the library, website features Seth’s weekly videos
- Will be passing out Confidential Superintendent evaluation forms - complete within 3 weeks - May 2nd - return in sealed envelope
  - board members email Mary if they want to be on the evaluation committee
  - Will meet with Georgia in executive session at June meeting
- Proposes no more zoom meetings for board meetings unless there are extenuating circumstances as requested by a board member
  - discussion of attendance and pros and cons of Zoom.
  - Board members are requesting that we continue with Zoom options to increase communication and participation
    - revisit policy to ensure that we can offer zoom with public participation
      - Kathy will bring to policy committee
      - Shawn recommends changing wording to “web-conferencing” rather than stating “Zoom”.

Superintendent-
- First assembly in 2 years last Thursday
- Last Friday night - Sonja & Board members presented awards for Scholastics winners at the theater
- Update on title 1 grant application for summer funding - $11,500 awarded

Student Rep - Angelica CW
- HS Singers went to a music performance/competition
- Varsity softball has started
- AP Art/Span ¾ went to Boston
- Scholastic arts awards

Principal-
- Met with Laura Hoeft today - gardening coach
  - starting a gardening club
  - Laura will help with resources
- MS Science - starfish, dissected frogs - roughly 90% participation
- Assessments starting in May - NWEA, Science
- added assessment and curriculum info to website
  - Will present data by August board meeting
8. Committee Reports

8.1 Policy Committee: - K. Catrini
- Met March 21st
- No May meeting - will bring Zoom policy to June meeting - June 6

8.2 Finance Committee: - C. Farmer
- Did not meet this week. Have been doing budget items via DocuSign. Budget process went well. Will sign warrants tonight. Easiest budget season he has been through.

8.3 Facilities Committee – D. Ladd
- Will not meet in April
- Question to Jeff: Any update on portable floor - Got new info today - but no update yet

8.4 Communications – Goal #1 – C. Farmer, J. Taylor
- Covered a lot already this meeting - have completed everything required by the state, recommend to disband the committee

8.5 Curriculum Committee – Goal #2 – K. Catrini
- Met March 23 - discussed goals - Seth & Shawn have already been working on website goals. Make reading lists available to parents/public. Bring program of studies to board.
  - Seth will bring POS in May
  - Board wants syllabus online - Shawn?
- Meet again June 6

9. Appointments, Resignations, Nominations and Transfers:
   Spring Coaches -
   - MS Baseball - Chad Nickerson
   - MS Softball - Brittany Russell
   - HS Softball - Kate Quimby

10. Action Items:

10.1 Consideration to approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar
- Georgia presents 2 drafts for consideration
  - Sent a poll to parents
    - 81% said after Labor Day
  - Draft 2 is after Labor Day
    - Went to Rangeley Teacher's Association
      - RTA voted no and countered with Draft 3 proposal.
  - Looked at absenteeism historically - Last year, only 2 HS students were absent the days before Labor Day
  - Students will have to go to Foster Tech no matter what starting Aug 31st.
  - Draft 2 takes away 22nd of Dec day off,
  - Explanation of RTA "No" vote
- Motion to adopt Draft 2 (after labor day)
  - 1st Chris, 2nd Kayla
- YAY (564) : Wes, Amber, Joanna F, Joanne T, Chris, Kayla
- NAY (433) : Karen, Joanne D, Deb, Mary, Kathleen
- Motion Passes

10.2 Signing of the Warrants
- Chris Farmer reads the motion
  o Vote taken by hand - unanimous (will be attached as addendum)
  o Warrants passed for signing.

10.3 Motion to adopt policy BHC - Board Relationships and Communications with Staff
10.4 Motion to adopt policy KDA - Public Information Program

- pass 10.3 & 10.4 together. required policies
- motion: Chris Farmer 2nd: Kathy Catrini
- passes unanimously

10.5 Motion to adopt policy IJOC-E - School Volunteer Agreement
- Form for volunteers to fill out
- motion: Deb Ladd 2nd: Kayla Alexander
- passes unanimously

10.6 Motion to revise policy JKAA - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion
- Required policy - adopting MSMA’s policy to replace our own wording
- motion: Chris Farmer 2nd: Karen Seaman
- passes unanimously

10.7 Motion to revise policy IJOC - School Volunteers
- Reviewed again since last meeting. District will cover the cost of any fees
- motion: Chris Farmer 2nd: Joanna Ferrar
- passes unanimously

10.8 Motion to revise policy JLF - Child Abuse Reporting, Prevention and Education
- revised per MSMA changes
- motion: Deb Ladd 2nd: Kayla Alexander
- passes unanimously

10.9 Motion to rescind policy JGAA - Assignment of Students to Classes - 5 year olds
- Unneeded policy - does not apply to us
- motion: Karen Seaman 2nd: Joanna Ferrar
- passes unanimously

10.10 - update RE: substitute pay
- Long terms subs are at the zero teacher scale from the contract - roughly $3 per day more than our daily sub pay. After 10 days they are entitled to benefits.
- Will be reviewed annually
- Because of the increase, we did get a teacher sub to come on board
Adjourn -

passes unanimously 8:32 PM

Next meeting: May 10, 2022

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