

GROTON-DUNSTABLE REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Workshop Meeting Minutes - Prescott School

August 5, 2009 - 6:30 PM

(Approved 8/19/09)

I Workshop called to order 6:35pm

Present – Paul Funch, Erik Dichter, Pete Carson, Berta Erickson, Jim Frey,
Jon Sjoberg, Alison Manugian, Dr. Genovese, Jeanie Mitchell

Motion made and seconded (see chart) to enter Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39 Section 23B-3 for discussion of negotiation strategies for collective bargaining.

Paul Funch	Yes	Alison Manugian	Yes	Jon Sjoberg	Yes
Berta Erickson(motion)	Yes	Pete Carson (second)	Yes	Erik Dichter	Yes
Jim Frey	Yes	Motion passed via roll call vote – 7:0:0			

Motion made & seconded (see chart) to exit executive session and return to workshop.

Paul Funch (motion)	Yes	Alison Manugian	Yes	Jon Sjoberg (second)	Yes
Berta Erickson	Yes	Pete Carson	Yes	Erik Dichter	Yes
Jim Frey	Yes	Motion passed via roll call vote – 7:0:0			

II Clean up items

a. Travel reimbursement from Karen Murphy distributed for review.

- Submitted on time, payment after 7/1 requires SC approval to pay out of FY10 for FY09.
- Motion made and seconded (see chart) to approve travel distribution payment for Karen Murphy. Roll call vote – motion passed unanimously.

Paul Funch	Yes	Alison Manugian	Yes	Jon Sjoberg	Yes
Berta Erickson (second)	Yes	Pete Carson (motion)	Yes	Erik Dichter	Yes
Jim Frey	Yes	Motion passed via roll call vote – 7:0:0			

b. Travel reimbursement from Karen Murphy distributed for review.

- Motion made and seconded (see chart) to approve FY10 Non-union employee salary recommendation as distributed. Roll call vote – motion passed unanimously.

Paul Funch (motion)	Yes	Alison Manugian	Yes	Jon Sjoberg (second)	Yes
Berta Erickson	Yes	Pete Carson	Yes	Erik Dichter	Yes
Jim Frey	Yes	Motion passed via roll call vote – 7:0:0			

c. Point of Sale (POS) System

- Elementary schools last year. MS and HS to be done this year, installation, training etc.
- Paid for out of revolving fund
- Will resolve some of auditors' fiduciary concerns.

d. Review of SC goals for coming year, as discussed on 8/3 at Workshop:

- Primary – Find new superintendent
- Continue Strategic Planning Process
- Secondary – Review policy & ensure compliance
- Improve subcommittee functions & transitions.

III Strategic Planning – (Jeanie Mitchell left, Wendy Rundle joined at 7:55pm)

a. Review Draft Core Values (want max of 5) – fundamental, unchanging base for organization

- apply to all players at all levels - students, staff, SC, family, community & partners
- words become part of the curriculum at all levels, become staff decision making tools, appear on the website, posted in meeting rooms, basis of grant applications etc
- Admin Council's = Excellence, Collaboration, Responsibility, & Courage (handout)

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a. Review Draft Core Values (*con't*)

- SC discussion of core values
 - ⇒ Need to ensure we reflect core values of Groton & Dunstable
 - ⇒ “Together, A Promise to Excel” – key phrase, motto, umbrella over core values
 - ⇒ Final Choices:
 - Integrity**
 - Responsibility for Self & Others**
 - Encouraging Innovation**
 - Maximizing Potential**
 - Community Participation/Engagement**

b. Vision statement will come out of core values.

- It is about future and moving into long term direction.
- Needs to be attainable.
- Preliminary discussion of ideas & format – see draft distributed.

IV Discussion of search process for new Superintendent

a. J. Sjoberg to rough out timeline & outline search options (pros & cons) – report in 2 weeks

- Berta, Jeanie & Dr. Genovese willing to help

b. Use caution to avoid Open Meeting Law violations

V Motion made & seconded (see chart) to adjourn meeting, motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Paul Funch (motion_	Yes	Alison Manugian	Yes	Jon Sjoberg	Yes
Berta Erickson (second)	Yes	Pete Carson (motion)	Yes	Erik Dichter (second)	Yes
Jim Frey	Yes	Motion passed – 7:0:0			