Uxbridge School Committee Meeting



November 3, 2021

6:30pm

Uxbridge High School Library and via Zoom

Attendees:	Present	Not Present
Matt Keane, Chair	X	
Paul Paulino, Member	X	
Kim Cirrone, Member		Х
Brett Pomeroy, Member	X (via Zoom)	
Debbie Stark, Member	x	
Lisa Mobley, Member	X	
Patrick Tuer, Member	X (via Zoom)	

1. Call to Order 6:30pm by Matt Keane

2. Public Comment:

Paul Paulino shared words of support and encouragement for McKenna Savage.

3. Superintendent Update

Dr. Dillon recognized efforts of first responders and acknowledged community support for McKenna Savage.

He reiterated that student and staff safety remain the highest priority during pandemic; Administration continues to work with Board of Health and Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to ensure correct protocols are being followed.

Dr. Dillon reviewed Covid 19 case numbers since beginning of school year and confirmed Test and Stay, and pool testing programs are both in use.

Board of Health is hosting a vaccination clinic for 5-11-year-olds on Saturday, November 20th, 9am-12pm, at the McCloskey School. Pre-registration will be required.

Dr. Dillon shared vaccination rates for students and staff; district is not yet near 80% threshold required by DESE to remove the mask mandate.

District is looking for DESE to provide a resource to assist with Covid testing; additionally, Administration is still looking to hire a part time nurse.

Hiring substitute teachers continues to be an action item for district; plan is to bring on subs who can be in buildings 5 days a week, instead of on a day-to-day basis.

4. Assistant Superintendent Update

Data Review Updates

Dr. Dwyer reviewed the Data Process & Achievement presentation, for both reading and math, compiled by Principals Rubin, Demarco, and Belleville.

District evaluates STAR data (reading and math) for grades K-8 three times a year; Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment (reading) for grades K-6 three times a year; informal assessments throughout the year; and MCAS testing for grades 3-8 and grade 10.

Principal Jenn Belleville outlined the Taft Action Plan, which includes data meetings three times a year, meetings among all classroom teachers and coaches, and weekly meetings between school administration and coaches (and bi-weekly between school administration, coaches, and interventionists). Additionally, a schedule and staff analysis is being done to ensure all resources are being allocated appropriately. Social Emotional Learning is being taught as a special.

Principal Leanne Demarco detailed the Whitin School Action Plan, which also includes data meetings, monthly department meetings, and weekly meetings between school administration and the math and reading coaches. Whitin is redefining MTSS process and procedures for identifying student needs and developing interventions. Ongoing professional development is planned for Illustrative Math, Readers Workshop and Writer's Workshop. Emphasis is being placed on Social Emotional plan.

Principal Mike Rubin summarized the Uxbridge High School Action Plan: identifying best practices for instructional interventions and supports for all students. School administration is reimagining support tiers for students; emotional health of students is important for academic success. UHS is focusing on curriculum redesign including focus spiraled standards; cross-disciplinary analysis of skills and practice standards; and supported and facilitated lesson and student work analysis.

All three schools are combating absenteeism with counselor and School Resource Officer outreach and conversations on how to engage parents to be more actively involved.

5. Budget Subcommittee Update

Patrick Tuer reviewed 5 Budget Subcommittee Goals, which are tied to the District Strategic Plan and the School Committee Goals:

High Expectations for all Students (research-based, standards aligned curriculum)

Measured Accountability (identify, collect, and analyze a district-wide set of metrics also to include Family & Community Engagement)

Safe and Equitable Learning Spaces (building and grounds supports, strong instructional and extracurricular programs)

Health & Wellness of Staff (mental and physical wellbeing)

Data Informed Decision Making (improve instructional, curriculum, and assessment capacity of professionals)

Budget Subcommittee has arranged to have 2 Select Board members and 2 Finance Committee members at future meeting to ensure cohesive planning.

Motion to Approve Uxbridge School Committee Budget Subcommittee goals for FY23 by Paul Paulino, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 5-0-1 (PT-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y, Brett Pomeroy absent from vote)

6. School Year Annual Report First Reading

Edits to School Year Annual Report include the addition of Paul Paulino, Secretary, and the change from Debra to Debbie (Stark).

Motion to approve the Uxbridge Public School's School Year Annual Report for SY2020-2021, in the first reading, as amended, by Paul Paulino, seconded by Debbie Stark. Vote: 6-0. Approved. (PT-Y, BP-Y, DS-Y, LM-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

7. School Committee Goal Approval

Motion to approve Uxbridge School Committee SY2021-2022 goals as presented by Lisa Mobley, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 5-0-1 (PT-Y, BP-Y, DS-abstained, LM-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

8. Appoint SEPAC Liaison

Paul Paulino stepped down as SEPAC liaison; Dr. Lisa Mobley selected as new liaison.

9. Old/New Business

New Business

School Choice financial policy discussion

Enrollment Report (Dr. Dillon)

10. Minutes Approval

Motion to approve October 6, 2021 Uxbridge School Committee meeting minutes, as presented by Paul Paulino, seconded by Brett Pomeroy. Vote: 6-0 Approved. (PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

11. Executive Session

Lisa Mobley, Member

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Emergency Response Preparations, with no business to follow by Debbie Stark, seconded by Paul Paulino. Vote: 6-0 Approved (PT-Y, BP-Y, LM-Y, DS-Y, PP-Y, MK-Y)

Respectfully Subinited, Matthew Keane	Docusigned by: LUM (INVOING 27201E80DEF010A
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