

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our mission is for all students to be successful, engaged, lifelong learners.

**Amended Program Subcommittee
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, May 4, 2017

District Office Conference Room

2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Kathy Clancy, Chairperson

Joel Favazza, Member

Administration Present

Dr. Arthur Unobskey, Asst. Superintendent

Debra Lucey, O'Maley Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

II. REPORTS/DELIBERATIONS/DISCUSSION

- A. Review of O'Maley Innovation Middle School Plan Renewal** – Ms. Lucey reviewed how the document is set out and noted that the first several pages is part of the original innovation plan and what has been done over the last five years and the updated plan begins on page 22. Chairperson Clancy suggested that bold font and/or page breaks be added so it is easier to understand.

Chairperson Clancy recommended including the membership of the professional development committee to the plan renewal. She stated that the ELA goal of 90% seems a little aggressive and recommended including the state average for context. With respect to civic education, she inquired as to whether an individual student target had been considered.

Dr. Unobskey recommended adding to the paragraph on the project-based learning initiative since it is such an important part of the plan, as well as differentiating between grade level and department based projects in the action steps of Strategic Goal 4.

There was a discussion about expanding the 1:1 Chromebook initiative to seventh grade. Dr. Unobskey indicated that the district is currently moving one grade level at a time and the focus now is getting up to Grade 12. Mr. Lucey understands that the city is not financially able to support it at this time.

Ms. Lucey indicated that she will be meeting with all grade levels within the next week or so and hopes to have the final document done by May 11th. She will then meet with Dr. Safier during the week of May 15th to go through it. The teachers will

be voting on May 23rd to accept the plan renewal and it will come back to the Program Subcommittee on June 1st.

Finally, Chairperson Clancy reminded Ms. Lucey that there are grants available for professional development, etc.

III. ACTION – None.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Mr. Favazza, seconded by Chairperson Clancy, it was unanimously

VOTED: 2 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the Program Subcommittee Meeting of May 4, 2017 at 5:46 p.m.

All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent's office.

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*