

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

Program Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2017

District Office Conference Room

2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

4:30 p.m.

Members Present

Kathy Clancy, Chairperson

Michelle Sweet

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent

Gregg Bach, Asst. Superintendent

Matt Fusco, Veterans Principal

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

II. REPORTS/DELIBERATIONS/DISCUSSION

(At this time, the agenda was taken out of order.)

C. Therapy Dog in School -- Mr. Fusco reminded the committee that Veterans is a trauma-sensitive school and that they practice yoga and mindfulness. He indicated that his speech and language therapist got her dog trained over the summer as a certified therapy dog and he and some of his staff have been exploring how the dog could be used at school, including enticing kids to come to school, teaching responsibility by walking the dog and cleaning up after it, etc.

B. Supplemental Guide to the GPS Student Handbooks

A. Review of Sexual Education Curriculum

III. ACTION – See Items II.B and C.

IV. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Chairperson Clancy, it was unanimously

VOTED: 2 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the Program Subcommittee Meeting of September 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*