

**THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

**Program Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, June 24, 2019

District Office Conference Room

2 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

4:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Kathy Clancy, Chairperson

Michelle Sweet, Vice Chairperson (4:05 p.m.)

Joel Favazza, Member

**Administration Present**

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent (6:02)

James Cook, GHS Principal

Ann-Marie Jordan, Preschool Director

**Also Present**

Melissa Teixeira Prince (4:20 p.m.)

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairperson Clancy called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

**II. REPORTS/DELIBERATIONS/DISCUSSION**

**A. Wellness Policy – GHS School Store** – Chairperson Clancy stated that the purpose of the meeting is to address the school store language in the Wellness Policy. She reported that Mr. Cook facilitated a meeting between the Wellness Committee and students on June 14th, and Mr. Cook reviewed his notes from that meeting (see attached).

Chairperson Clancy reported that the students at the meeting indicated that there is usually a line at the vending machine and that the machine is not always functional. Ms. Jordan stated that she was not aware of what was being sold in the vending machine but indicated that those items follow the A-List recommendations. She emphasized, however, that the items sold both in the vending machine and in the school store are snacks, not meals, are not nutritional in nature, per se, and do not provide the types of vitamins and nutrients that children should be getting through regular meals.

Chairperson Clancy reported that some students are refused lunch if they are late for their lunch block. Ms. Jordan stated that the students should have representation on the Wellness Committee to give feedback so the committee can advocate for them. Mr. Cook stated that once students are assigned to the committee, they are excellent about attending the meetings. Chairperson Clancy recommended that an O'Maley student also be assigned as a member of the Wellness Committee, if possible.

Mr. Favazza recommended that any action taken at this meeting be on a temporary basis until after the Wellness Committee meets. Mr. Cook stated that the idea of having the school store open for the last 15 minutes of the lunch blocks is focused on having students get their lunch first and then be able to get a snack at the store. He indicated that he did not get a report from the student advisor on how much money the students made from the school store this year.

After discussion, on a motion by Mr. Favazza, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the full School Committee that we amend the language of the Wellness Policy to allow the Class of 2020 to run the school store five days a week for the last 15 minutes of both lunch periods through the end of September 2019.

Mr. Favazza stated that allowing the store to open five days a week would allow more students to benefit from the educational component of running the store.

Chairperson Clancy recommended talking to Martha Jo Fleming about any financial concerns she may have and for her to weigh in and understand some of the challenges the students are having (i.e what lunches are offered and why they are choosing snacks instead of lunch).

**III. ACTION** – See II.A.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by Mr. Favazza, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 3 in favor, 0 opposed to adjourn the Program Subcommittee Meeting of June 24, 2019 at 4:25 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi  
Recording Secretary*

School Store Meeting  
June 14, 2019

Present:

Wellness Committee: Ro. Francis, C. Juncker, R. Stone, Ann Marie Jordan

Student Council Advisor: R. Menery

Class of 2020 Advisor: T. Lowthers

Class of 2020 Officers: K. Bevins, G. O'Toole, W. Phoenix

School Committee Members: J. Favazza, K. Clancy

Principal: J. Cook

Discussed procedures from May 7, 2019 to ensure Wellness (with food) [[here](#)]

Last fifteen minutes three days per week (waiver)

R. Francis discusses refined procedures (use Google doc)

T. Lowthers discusses implementation

A.M. Jordan asks questions about procedure relative to Wellness policy.

Wellness policy will meet in September to make a determination around the policy

Makes argument around nutrient-dense foods

J. Favazza

Non-nutrient-dense foods are in the vending machine

K. Clancy

Meeting before vote

SC can override Wellness policy w/ a vote

Which would

Can Wellness committee meet before September?

A.M. Jordan

Says Wellness committee cannot meet before September

R. Menery

Offers to find rep for Wellness Committee for each grade level

J. Favazza

SC could override temporarily

Asking Wellness to meet first week of school

Asking Wellness to consider concern – eliminate vending machine (from school day)

K. Clancy

Suggests / promotes students on the Wellness committee

K. Bevins

Observed large use of vending machine

T. Lowthers

Observe students denied certain lunches earlier in the day

**Requests from School Committee >>> all five days, last fifteen minutes**

R. Stone

Will support school and SC

Sees Wellness Committee policy as recommendation to SC