Members Present: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy
Mr. DiGiacomo

Members Absent:

Administrators Present: Dr. Gould, Ms. Wiklund

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:
Mr. Rausch stated we are reconvening at 7:00pm after an Executive Session previously held. We are meeting through a conference call/google hangouts and this meeting is being recorded. You may view the meeting by live stream at this time on Sandwich Community TV.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC FORUM: None

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:
Dr. Gould reported on graduation and that we are discussing plans on how to proceed with this. The students have expressed that they would not like to have a virtual graduation. We are scheduling a meeting with J.J. Burke and Dave Mason to discuss the health perspectives of holding graduation. We also have other events for the seniors that we are looking into and have no answers at this time on how to proceed with rescheduling the prom, cruise, awards night etc. Ms. Ames expressed that we need to hold some form of celebration on June 6th (which was the graduation date) for these students.
Ms. Bader thought we could reschedule in the summer for these other events.

Dr. Gould spoke on the ending of the school year and how we will have remote learning till the end of the school year. It is a relief to know now that we will not be returning to school so we can move forward making decisions for the remaining school year and for the fall. The school committee members asked Dr. Gould if she knew what the next school year would look like for students returning to school. She has heard many comments, such as half of the students in the building and the other half remain at home for remote learning, double sessions, kids eat in classrooms and not the cafeteria, hallways one way, everyone wearing masks, etc. Ms. Ames mentioned that there has been inconsistency with special education and general education. Dr. Gould is aware of this and we are working on the expectations for the teachers/students. I am taking comments and concerns from families which helps to move forward to help fix the situations. Some kids are overwhelmed and a survey will be going out to students, grades 6-12, which will help us see what we can work on to move ahead successfully.
At the next meeting, Mr. McNamara will be in attendance, where he will address Special Education and the pandemic closure.
Ms. Bader asked about the online learning, what are the expectations for the teachers and are they hosting their lessons online? Dr. Gould explained that the teachers are asked to tape their lessons so they can share them with their students. If they are not doing this, please let me know so we can fix this. We do have concerns that some students are not accessing the lessons and
what should the consequence be for this. We are looking at this now to find a solution. If the student has questions on the taped lessons, the teacher does have office hours for this.

Mr. Dever asked about grades for the semester and year? Dr. Gould explained that for K-6, the first 2 semesters will be assessed and for secondary, this quarter will be credit or no credit depending on work accessed online. We are looking at the big picture and we do not want kids punished for this crisis we are in. However, they need to be doing the work remotely.

Ms. Ames addressed the 6th & 7th grades, will they be prepared to enter into 7th grade? Dr. Gould expressed that there will be more hand holding and TLC in the 7th grade, as this will be a significant shift for the students.

Dr. Gould mentioned that September 14th is the Marathon Day and not sure if this will be a mandated holiday. We are waiting to hear from the Governor on this and she will update as she learns more.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:
Mr. Rausch gave a shout out to the high school seniors, they got hit hard with this crisis. This is a big deal to them and I want them to know how great they all are. He also praised the teachers and how the last contact with their students was over a month ago and they never got to say goodbye to them in person. This is hard on the teachers not having the one to one interactions. Ms. Dalpe-Healy gave a shout out to Mr. Green, Ms. Dugas and Mr. Dowick for going above and beyond to help students, great job.

Dr. Gould echoed Ms. Dalpe-Healy’s comments on what an amazing job done.

Ms. Ames gave a shout out to the Special Educators (ESP’s, OT, Speech Therapists etc.) they have found amazing ways to work with students with special circumstances. They deserve the utmost admiration and respect for all their hard work.

NEW BUSINESS:
• Data Specialist Presentation - Erin Piantedosi:
  Ms. Piantedosi gave an overview of the following:
  • **Online Registration:** The forms for the new student registration is now available online. This allows the staff to work with families to keep them up to date. This is the second year for returning student online registration, which has been going good with a few bumps along the way. We have made some changes to better align the products.
  • **School Choice:** The application to apply for School Choice is online and the lottery has been postponed until May 27th. This will be done remotely and the link to join will be emailed to parents. Letters will go out to parents after the lottery date advising them of their acceptance. If more seats become available, we will hold a second lottery on August 11th.
  • **Remote Learning:** Counselors at STEM/SHS have been set up and trained on our School Messenger systems to be in touch with families to provide support.
  • **Student Retention:** We have about half the amount of applications to other schools than in the past. Fewer students are applying to private schools this year over last.
Ms. Ames inquired if we should not do School Choice this year due to the situation we may be in going forward due to the virus crisis? Dr. Gould stated that we have to keep the students we have from school choice now but moving ahead it may not be wrong to look at this. Dr. Gould will do an analysis and provide this to the school committee. Mr. Dever asked if we could see a breakdown over 4 years of the students applying to other schools. Dr. Gould will look into this and provide the data to the school committee.

OLD BUSINESS: None

WARRANTS:
Ms. Dalpe-Healy made a motion to approve the school warrants as presented. Second by Mr. Dever.
Vote: Aye: Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo
Abstain: Mr. Rausch
5-0-1 Passed

ACT ON THE MINUTES OF 4/8/20:
Ms. Ames made a motion to accept the School Committee Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2020 as presented. Second by Mr. DiGiacomo.
Vote: Aye: Mr. Rausch, Ms. Ames, Ms. Bader, Mr. Dever, Ms. Dalpe-Healy, Mr. DiGiacomo
6-0-0 Unanimous

PTA/PTSA/SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC/SCHOOL COUNCIL/BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:
Ms. Ames asked if we have heard anything from the Board of Selectmen on the Budget? Dr. Gould mentioned that the Finance Committee approved the budget Mr. Dunham presented to them and now it goes to the Town Meeting for a vote whenever the meeting is scheduled.

LIAISON/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR: None

PUBLIC FORUM: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING REMARKS: None

ADJOURNMENT:
Ms. Ames moved to adjourn at 8:16pm. Second by Ms. Dalpe-Healy.
Vote: 6-0-0 Unanimous

Meeting is adjourned and the next school committee meeting will be held on May 6, 2020
Respectfully submitted by,

Holly Lenk

Holly Lenk
School Committee Secretary

DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING
Data Specialist PowerPoint Presentation
April 8, 2020 School Committee Minutes

Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2020 were approved at the May 6, 2020 School Committee meeting.

Holly Lenk