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SANDWICH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
February 1, 2017  
SANDWICH TOWN HALL

**Members Present:** Mr. McGrail, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Ames, Ms. Hall, Mr. Dever, Ms. Cummings

**Members Absent:** Mr. Rausch

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Gould, Ms. Austin, Ms. Wiklund, Dr. Booras, Mr. Newton, Mr. Smith

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Mr. McGrail called the regular business meeting to order at 7:05.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**RECOGNITIONS:**

Ms. Cummings recognized the Great Kindness Challenge and the Kindness Tunnel. February 8<sup>th</sup> the Oak Ridge specialists are having an open house. Mr. Rausch sent a shout out via Ms. Cummings for the Open Mic night. Mr. McGrail recognized the chorus production which took place last week.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: BRIDGET CARL:**

**FORESTDALE:**

Forestdale has been busy with community service opportunities. On December 8<sup>th</sup> and assembly was held and students loaded presents in the Sandwich Fire Department and Police Department vehicles. This week just concluded their fundraiser for the American Heart Association. Students had also participated in writing letters to Santa and for each letter written Macy's donated money to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The PTA also sponsored the "sky dome" a portable planetarium for 2 days, songs and stories from Bill Harley, and a presentation by Brett Daniels who showed students how to use technology to create music. The next Forestdale Town Hall is on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and will be live streamed on the Forestdale Facebook page starting at 9:15.

**OAK RIDGE**

The Winter Concerts for both band and chorus took place on the "big stage" at SHS. The Kindness Challenge also took place in January. The week was kicked off with neighborhood assemblies, the students also collected coins for Pakistan, participated in door decorating and themed spirit days. The week culminated with the Kindness Tunnel. Oak Ridge also appreciates the PTA and their support in bringing "Ooch, the Wet Fest and the 3 Screens Production.

**STEM**

The Maker Space program for grades 5-8 was a big success. The Winter Wonderland Snack Shack is being sponsored on February 15<sup>th</sup> by the STEM Parents Group. The STEM Student Council is running the "Tropical and Hopes for Spring" door decorating contest from February 1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>.



February 10 is the next STEM dance. Science and engineering students will have projects on display on February 8<sup>th</sup>. This year's Exploration and Discovery Day will take place on March 10. At this time there are around 40 workshops in science, business, art, humanities, and health for students to choose.

### SHS

Winter sports teams are doing well. Our winter pep rally is on Friday as we celebrate all winter athletes and support our girls and boys ice hockey teams heading to the Canal Cup this Saturday. Students started their spring semester schedules. KTC is rehearsing for Grease, their spring musical. Letters of acceptances are flowing in for the Class of 2017.

### **ACT ON THE MINUTES of January 25, 2017:**

Ms. Cummings moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Pierce.

***VOTE: Unanimous. Passed 6-0-0***

### **WARRANTS:**

Ms. Cummings moved to approve the warrants. Seconded by Mr. Pierce.

***VOTE: Aye: Mr. McGrail, Ms. Hall, Ms. Cummings, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. Dever. Ms. Ames abstained. Passed 5-0-1.***

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Gould stated that February 11<sup>th</sup> is the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee. The goal of this meeting will to begin looking at the data. She also announced the DCF Kids fund Pajama Drive which will be taking place over the next 6 weeks. The schools will be partnering with the Sandwich Library.

Dr. Booras also stated that the CCRTA has worked with the school to set up some stops and times in order to enable more students to participate in afterschool activities. It also will help students develop life skills by utilizing public transportation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **STEM Journey Presentation:**  
Mr. Newton introduced the STEM Journey which will take place on March 4<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4pm. Mr. Eben Franks (Chair of the STEM Academy Advisory Board), Dr. Jack Driscoll and Mr. Michael Riley shared facts about their role and experience, the history of this event as well as other events which they had experienced. There will 50-60 exhibitors. The event is for all ages. This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Luke Roberson, Senior Scientist at Nava, Cape Canaveral.
- **Presentation of the Substance Abuse/Use Survey Results:**  
Melissa Janiszewski from Barnstable County reviewed the results of the Substance Abuse/Use Survey that the students participated in. She stated that we will need to focus prevention efforts at a younger level. She also said there is a nationwide trend in vaping. Vaping has tripled. Ms. Wiklund also offered insight into what our district is doing. Sandwich participates in this survey every 2 years. Life Skills training is part of our Health Curriculum. Life Skills training involves building resiliency and prevention while providing coping tools. Edibles are very concerning. Melissa offered many insights and suggestions for what has to be watched for.

- Forestdale Book Disposal:  
Mr. Dever moved to approve the disposal of the listed Forestdale books. Seconded by Ms. Ames. **VOTE: Unanimous**
- Donations: Band Risers at Oak Ridge:  
Ms. Cummings moved to gratefully accept the donation of Band risers valued at \$6000 to the Oak Ridge School by the Sandwich School Band Boosters. Seconded by Ms. Ames. **VOTE: Unanimous**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **FY17 Budget Update:** None
- **FY18 Budget Update:**  
Mr. McGrail reminded everyone that the budget would be in front of the Finance Committee on February 14<sup>th</sup> and possibly the Board of Selectmen on the sixteenth.

**LIAISON/ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ms. Cummings stated that the Policy Sub Committee is working on a date for an upcoming meeting. Mr. McGrail will also be scheduling a Pool Sub Committee meeting.

**OTHER TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR** – None

**PUBLIC FORUM:** None

**CLOSING REMARKS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Dever moved to adjourn at 8:23. Seconded by Ms. Ames. **Vote: Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted by,



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Administrative Assistant

**DOCUMENTS USED AT MEETING**

January 25, 2017 Minutes  
Forestdale Book Disposal List  
Oak Ridge Band Riser Donation Form  
STEM Journey IV: Mission to Mars Flyer  
Sandwich Youth Risk 2016 Survey Results