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**Minutes  
Machias School Committee  
Wednesday, October 3, 2018  
Superintendent's Office  
4:30 PM**

**Attendance:** Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Amanda Little, Carolyn Nadeau.

**Others Present:** Joyce Fragale, Brian Leavitt, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Bob Berta, Scott Porter.

**I.** Call to order at 4:26 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

**II.** **Approval of the minutes of September 12, 2018.**

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of September 12, 2018.  
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 4-0.

**III.** **Agenda Adjustments:**

Letter from Fund Raising Group as Item #5.  
Executive Session: Legal Counsel: 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(E) as Item #6.

Motion by Richard Shaw to accept the Agenda Adjustments.  
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 4-0.

**IV.** **Principal's Report:**

RMG: Enclosed.  
MMHS: Enclosed.

**V.** **Business:**

**1. Approval of Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Education Services Grant:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that he is continuing to develop the FEDES (Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services) grant with the MSAD 37 Board of Directors. The grant will fund the expansion of Career and Technical Education programming in Western Washington County.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Education Services Grant.  
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

**2. School Resource Officer Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that William Sternbergh has been hired as the new School Resource Officer for the Machias Campus. Officer Sternbergh began work on Monday, October 1, 2018.

**3. Physical Plant:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of several updates to the Machias High School Gymnasium including new signage, new siding on the front entrance, as well as, several new windows.

**4. Executive Session: Contract Negotiations: 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(D):**

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:55 p.m. by Richard Shaw.  
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 4-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 5:20 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

**5. Letter from Fund Raising Group:**

The Superintendent distributed a letter from three Machias Memorial High School Alumni expressing interest in raising funds to improve the soccer field on the Machias Campus.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the fund raising efforts of Machias Alumni to improve the soccer field on the Machias Campus.  
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

**6. Executive Session: Legal Counsel: 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(E):**

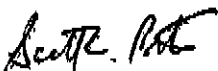
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.  
Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 4-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 6:11 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

**VI. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.  
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

## RMG Principal's Report October 3, 2018

### Grade 5 Beginner Band

Some very excited 5th graders rented their first instruments! Our beginner band will consist of a nice variety of flutes, trumpets, clarinets, percussion, a saxophone, a trombone and more.

### The Music Curriculum

Classroom Music as well as Choral and Instrumental Performance opportunities in grades PK-8 offer additional academic enrichment for our students. These offerings mirror the Maine Learning Results, the National Standards for Music Education and the new emerging National Coalition for Core Arts Standards (NCCAS).

### Grades PreK-4

Rose M. Gaffney offers an enriching Classroom Music and Performing Arts Curriculum. Students in PreK-3 are taught emerging musical skills of pitch, melody, steady beat, expression, and composition. Each year students will build upon their musical knowledge through folk and traditional songs, playing of auxiliary percussion, and Orff instruments, dance, as well as learning vital music skills of listening to, reading, writing, performing, and evaluating music. In grade 4 students will have an Introductory Chorus Class, and an Introductory Band Class. During the Intro to Band, student musicians will play Orff and percussion instruments, recorders, and Boom Whackers.

### Grade 5-8

All Grade 5-8 students have the opportunity to participate in Chorus, and Band as part of their regular school schedule. 5/6 Chorus meets every Tuesday, and Thursday, 7/8 Chorus also meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, Grade 5 Band meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, as does the 6-12 Band. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade beginning Band students will have a weekly lesson time during the school day. Other lesson times for students in 6-8 grade will be held from 7:20-7:50 each morning before school starts.

There are a variety of Choral and Instrumental Music Festivals at both the county and district levels throughout the school year that students in grades 5-8 may be eligible to attend. Both the Band and Chorus students hold performances for Veterans' Day, a Winter Concert, and another concert in the Spring. Other performances might include: Solo & Ensemble, local visits to area nursing care facilities, community outreach programs, Memorial Day Parade, Pep Band, Sea Dogs, and more.

### School Resource Officer

I am happy to welcome our new School Resource Officer Bill Sternbergh who began working with us on Monday. Officer Sternbergh is an employee of the Machias Police Department. He will be working with RMG as well as MMHS.

### Veteran's Program

We have begun working to develop this year's Veteran's program. The program will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> beginning with breakfast and performances in the RMG Gym. The remainder of the ceremony will follow at the MMHS Gym.

### Sports

We are well into the sports season. Our volleyball, soccer and cross country teams are doing an outstanding job representing our schools. We have 84 students participating in fall sports this year.

**EDGE** - The after-school EDGE program began yesterday. Students in K-8 will benefit from study hall for half of the program day, and alternate between STEM, Art, and recreational activities for the other half. EDGE will operate from dismissal until 4:30 Monday through Thursday again this year. Transportation is provided. We have 178 students signed up for EDGE this fall.

### Picture Day

Lifetouch visited on Monday to take school pictures. It was great to see all of the students "gussied up" and looking their best!

### Out and About

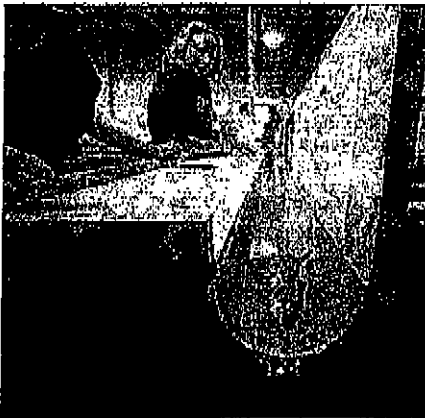
Grade 6 visited the EMARC Salmon Hatchery in East Machias to assist with the annual Fin clipping process.

Our 7th grade students attended the EDGE Leadership Camp. This is another wonderful opportunity provided to our school by the EDGE program. While attending the camp, students are led through a variety of exercises that focus on leadership and team building.

### It's Academic!

Our fall NWEA and CPAA testing is nearly complete. These objective measures, along with ongoing assessments that monitor our student's progress, are continually analyzed in order to plan instruction that best meets the individual needs of our students.

### Fin Clipping



Each fall, Downeast Salmon Federation begins their fin clipping effort to mark over 200,000 juvenile Atlantic salmon with an adipose fin clip and relies on volunteers to do this. This takes place at the Peter Gray Hatchery at 13 Willow St. in East Machias and is DSF's on-going project to restore the Atlantic salmon population in the East Machias River. Fin clipping typically continues for three weeks after the start date.

All juvenile salmon grown at the hatchery are marked with a fin clip prior to stocking. This identifies them as DSF origin fish during follow up electrofishing and smolt trapping surveys. Electrofishing surveys allow biologists to get an idea of the survival rate of fish stocked into the East Machias River from the Peter Gray Hatchery and to check in on young salmon while they are still in fresh water. Spring smolt trapping surveys allow

biologists to determine the size of the population of salmon leaving the East Machias River on their way to the ocean as smolt. Because fish stocked from DSF are marked, the number of smolt leaving the river that came from the Downeast Salmon Federation's hatchery can be estimated.

If you'd like to volunteer and help Downeast Salmon Federation with this important part of the project, please contact Zach at [zach@mainesalmonrivers.org](mailto:zach@mainesalmonrivers.org), or call 207-255-0676.

## **Machias Memorial High School**

Principal's Report

October 2018

### **NWEA Testing**

Testing has almost been completed on the freshmen and sophomore class. Results will be forwarded to teachers and reports sent home to parents with report cards.

### **Career & Technical Education**

Mr. Porter and I have been meeting with the group to expand CTE offerings at Coastal Washington CIT. In addition to CTE, adult education, alternative education, and middle school CTE will be part of the grant proposal. The effort is progressing well. The grant application is due on November 7 and successful applicants will be notified in December.

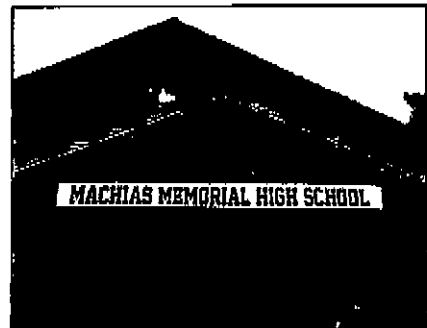
### **Chef Will Visit**

Chef Will visited the Culinary Arts Program. His visits always inspire our students. Chef Will is a representative from ProStart, the curriculum used in the Culinary Arts Program. Mrs. Fitzsimmons will be taking her students to the ProStart competition in Portland this February.



### **Bulldog Pride Weekend**

Bulldog Pride Weekend was a huge success this year! The purpose of the weekend is to bring alumni back to their school and encourage them to become involved. On Friday there were varsity soccer and volleyball games. Saturday included the Bulldog Pride Road Race, games and activities, alumni soccer and volleyball games, Bulldog Pride Dinner, and a bonfire. The weekend ended on Sunday with the Bulldog Pride Golf Tournament at Barren view Golf Course. The weekend raised close to \$2,500 for the MMHS Athletic Boosters.



### **NEASC Visit**

On September 27 Machias Memorial High School had a half day workshop. Alyson Geary, from NEASC, visited our school and explained the accreditation process to the staff. The visit helped staff understand the process and develop some concrete action steps for the school year. The final accreditation visit will be in the Spring of 2021.



### **New Signage**

MMHS received some new signs for the gymnasium and front of the school. Combined with the new digital sign, the school is now well branded and represented in the community. Thank you to Mr. Porter and the Board for the signs.