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**Minutes**  
**Machias School Committee**  
**Wednesday, October 7, 2020**  
**Zoom Video Conference**  
**4:00 PM**

**Attendance:** Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Joleen Nicely, Carolyn Nadeau, Will Weaver.

**Others Present:** Joyce Fragale, Nicole Case, Mary Maker, Mitchell Look, Scott Porter.

- I. Call to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.
- II. **Approval of the minutes of September 16, 2020.**

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of September 16, 2020.  
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes), Joleen Nicely (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Will Weaver (yes); Vote: 5-0.

III. **Agenda Adjustments:** None.

IV. **Public Comment:** None.

V. **Principals' Reports:**

RMG: Enclosed.  
MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. **New Business:**

**1. Coronavirus Relief Funds Update:**

The Superintendent reported that the second round of Coronavirus Relief Fund allocations have been announced and the Machias Schools have a \$507,437.00 allocation. The Coronavirus Relief Fund must be spent on Coronavirus related prevention and is a reimbursement model.

**2. Fall Sports Update:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that cross country and soccer have begun in AOS 96 schools. Machias Memorial High School also has a golf team. All sports are following CDC and Maine Department of Education guidelines.

**3. 20/21 Tuition Revenue:**

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that there are currently more tuition students than budgeted.

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

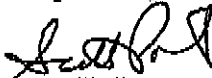
Motion to enter into Executive Session at 4:38 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.  
Second: Carolyn Nadeau; Vote: Teresa Saddler (yes), Richard Shaw (yes),  
Joleen Nicely (yes), Carolyn Nadeau (yes), Will Weaver (yes); Vote: 5-0.

Declared out of Executive Session at 4:52 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

**VII. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn at 4:53 p.m. by Richard Shaw.  
Second: Joleen Nicely; Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter  
Superintendent of Schools  
AOS 96  
Machias Bay Area School System

October 7, 2020

**Fall Workshop**

We will be hosting our fall workshop on Tuesday. Teachers will attend sessions that further their online teaching knowledge in the morning. The afternoon will be spent analyzing recently acquired data from the NWEA and "Beginning of the Year" assessments.

**Corona Relief Funds****Items purchased from the first round of funding include:**

Increased Building Ventilation

Two new classrooms in the gym

Desks

Bottle filling station

Personal Protective Equipment

Supplies typically shared between students that are now required to be provided individually

Signage for Covid Safety Protocols

Medical Supplies

Cleaning Supplies

Kitchen supplies needed for remote and in school delivery

Increased staffing

Increased Access to technology for students and staff members

**Items being requested for second round of funding include:**

Technology infrastructure upgrade

Software to increase efficiency in teaching and learning in anticipation of increased remote education

Soundproofing for the classrooms in the gym

Increased Staffing

Hot water removed from boiler system

Or physical activity stations

**Custodian Appreciation Day**

Last week we recognized National Custodian Appreciation Day. This continues to be an especially challenging year for our custodians as they work tirelessly to keep the building and playgrounds sanitized along with their usual responsibilities. We are extremely proud of, and appreciative for, these members of our family. Thank you: Mr. David Smith, Mr. Wayne Stoddard, Mr. Mike Smith, Mrs. Lois Decatur, Mr. Dan Smart, Mr. Sam Floyd, and Mr. Simon Edwards.

**Campus Visitors While Social Distancing**

Caitlyn Roy and Kelly Woodward have organized outdoor education with the Downeast Coastal Conservation. Mrs. Roy's class has met and fell in love with learning about the outdoor world around them. The curriculum will be based off their questions and interests, guided by Next Gen Science standards. Kelly Woodward's class first class is October 7th.

**School Lunch Program**

The kitchen is currently offering meals for our remote learners along with students joining us in person. Pick up is in the front foyer beginning at 12:00 daily.

**Fall Sports**

We are well into our fall sports season. We have 14 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders signed up to play soccer and 30 students in grades three through eighth running cross country. Coaches this year are: Mr. David Whitney, Soccer; and Mrs. Janis Whitney, Mrs. Kelly Kilton and Mrs. Toshia Day, Cross Country. The first Cross Country meet was held Thursday at Elm Street. Winners came in 3rd, 5th, and 9th for grades 3-5 girls, 1st and 5th for grades 3-5 boys, 1st for 6-8 girls, and 1st and 2nd for 6-8 boys. The first soccer game of the season was held yesterday. The RMG Bulldogs were victorious over Calais.

**Clubs, Teams, and Events**

Now that we have settled into the new way of operating within the regular school day, and have integrated sports, we are beginning to work to organize events and clubs in a manner that allows us to host them while staying within CDC and DOE Guidelines. I will keep you updated as we move through that process.

**GEAR UP Zoom**

We have received GEAR UP funding this year. We are working to organize tutoring over Zoom for our 7th and 8th graders. Tutoring will take place from 3:00-4:00 Monday through Thursday.

**Dirigo Reads**

Dan and Karen Cashman and sponsors continue to offer the "Dirigo Reads" program to our first graders. Each student and the classroom teacher receive a book every month. The goal of this program is to increase students' personal libraries.

**Go Bulldogs!!!!**

Check us out and see what we're up to!!!

RMG Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/rngelementaryschool/>.

RMG Digital Calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

Facebook Page: Rose M Gaffney Elementary School