

AOS 96
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**Minutes
Machias School Committee
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
Superintendent's Office
4:00 PM**

Attendance: Teresa Saddler, Richard Shaw, Richelle Leighton.

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

I. Call to order at 4:00 p.m. by Teresa Saddler.

II. Approval of the minutes of November 6, 2019.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve the minutes of November 6, 2019.
Second: Richelle Leighton; Vote: 3-0.

III. Agenda Adjustments: None.

IV. Public Comment: None.

V. Principal's Report:

RMG: Enclosed.

MMHS: Enclosed.

VI. New Business:

1. NEASC Visit:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of the recent NEASC visit and the work the Principal and the staff at MMHS had to complete prior to the visit from the team as part of the review process.

2. Approval of Maine Arts Commission Memorandum of Understanding:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that MAC would like to come into the Machias schools to assist with providing resources in regards to enhancing the arts in our schools.

Motion by Teresa Saddler to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Maine Arts Commission.

Second: Richard Shaw; Vote: 3-0.

3. Approval of National Art Honor Society at MMHS:

The Principal and Machias Art Teacher recommended that MMHS become part of the National Art Society. The Superintendent informed the School Committee the National Art Honor Society is a way to recognize students for their ability to excel in arts.

Motion by Richard Shaw to approve implementing the National Art Honor Society in the Machias School Department.

Second: Richelle Leighton; Vote: 3-0.

4. Approval to Put Bus Out to Bid:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee of a 2004 Thomas bus with 251,470 miles that he recommends putting out to bid.

Motion by Richard Shaw to place the 2004 Thomas bus out to bid.

Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 3-0.

5. AOS 96 Leadership Team Work:

The Superintendent reported that the AOS 96 Leadership Team will meet on December 11, 2019 to discuss the ongoing work on the curriculum alignment process. Eventually the team will work on common AOS 96 assessments.

6. Teacher Evaluation Steering Committee:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Teacher Evaluation Steering Committee will meet on December 11, 2019 to discuss possible changes to the Teacher Evaluation System.

7. Maine Small Schools Coalition Update:

The Superintendent reported that the Maine Small Schools Coalition met at UMaine Orono on November 22, 2019. The meeting was well attended by rural Maine Superintendents. The Maine Commissioner of Education, Pender Makin, was the guest speaker. Other guests included Eileen King, Executive Director of the Maine State Superintendents Association, Vicki Wallack, from Maine School Management Association, as well as, two Maine State Legislators (Rep. Tuell and Rep. Stearns).

8. Legislative Update:

The Superintendent reported that Representative Will Tuell's bill that would have raised the teacher salary index to a 1.0 over a 3 year period was not supported by the Legislative Counsel.

It looks like the Commissioner of Education will increase the teacher salary index through a supplemental budget bill.

9. MSSA Executive Committee Report:

The MSSA Executive Committee met on November 15, 2019 at Maine School Management Association in Augusta. Former Commissioner of Education, Jim Rler, spoke to the group about the challenges implementing the \$40,000.00 teacher minimum salary law.

10. Physical Plant:

The Superintendent informed the School Committee that the Field Improvement Committee continues to meet to develop project plans and fundraising strategies.

11. CTE Update:

The Machias Memorial High School Principal informed the School Committee that a survey has been distributed to the students regarding future CTE programs they would like to add on the Machias Campus.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 4:42 p.m. by Richard Shaw.
Second: Teresa Saddler; Vote: 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott K. Porter

Superintendent of Schools

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Machias Bay Area School System

RMG Principal's Report
December 4, 2019

The Principal's Desk

Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday and Friday, November 15 and 16, as well as during evenings for parents who could not make a day appointment. This past Wednesday marked the end of Trimester 1. Report cards will be going home on Friday. Parents are of course welcome to make an appointment to meet with us anytime.

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our RMG Family. Mr. Wilson is joining us as a Title I teacher, and will be replacing Mrs. Long who we wish the best in her new position. Mrs. Hughes will be working in the RMG kitchen.

Sports/Clubs

The Bulldog Blitz was a great success. This annual basketball tournament has become a hallmark of the start of basketball season here at RMG. The tournament, which runs Friday evening and through the day on Saturday, includes local teams played during the regular season. Sponsored by the Literacy Team, the proceeds from this event make it possible to bring authors, and other literacy related activities to RMG.

The first of the games for the season begin on Friday when we will be traveling to Woodland. Practices and games are listed on the RMG digital calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

As I have mentioned we have nine Destination Imagination Teams which include over sixty students this year. I believe that this is the most teams that we've had since we brought DI to RMG. We have some returning, as well as several new, coaches. Mr. Fitzsimmons arranged for Affiliate Director Chad Reynolds to come from Bangor to RMG on Saturday, November 9th from 9 A.M.-12 P.M. to provide Destination Imagination training with several of our coaches.

Field Trips

Grade 2 visited the Huntsmen Fundy Discovery Aquarium in St. Andrews on Tuesday. While there they learned about intertidal zone animals. They were able to experience hands on activities through touch tanks where they held lobsters and starfish along with other ocean related species.

Events

The highlight of November was the privilege of honoring our veterans. Students have spent a great deal of time learning about the sacrifices made by brave men and women who have served our country, many of which we are proud to call family, friends, and neighbors.

Our Guests were: Mr. Mark Burgess, Staff Sergeant Army National Guard - retired, who presented the "Colors", Guest Speaker Rob Hudson, Technical Director, NCTAMS LANT Detachment, Cutler, U.S. Navy - retired, and Mr. Michael Henry, Major, U.S. Army - retired,

who read "In Flander's Field", and led us in a moment of silence. Thank you also to Superintendent Porter for giving our welcome.

Although this was a day to focus on our Veterans, as principal I can't help but speak of how proud I am of our school and students. Our students are very sincere in their appreciation. Their efforts in preparation for this special day, as well as the respect that they showed our guests during the program, was a demonstration of that sincerity. The Veteran's Wall is created by students in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade each year as part of their learning, as well as a way for them to demonstrate their personal appreciation. The musical performances by our band and chorus were, as always, amazing, and along with the slideshow presentation during breakfast, evoked a lot of emotion. The National Junior Honor Society Students did a wonderful job recognizing our veterans with roses. MMHS JMG students, and parent volunteer Amanda Worcester, were wonderful hostesses during breakfast. These students also did a wonderful job decorating the MMHS Gym. The patriotic place mats that were hand made by our Edge students dressed up the breakfast tables nicely. Chef O'Neal provided a delicious breakfast, as well as some pretty amazing home-made chocolates for our Veterans. There are many more who are integral in making this extremely important day a success. I am proud of each and every member of our family for the many parts that they played in making today special for our Veterans.

It is December 1st and the holidays have officially begun.

Coming Right Up!

Christmas Events:

Wednesday, December 4

RMG/MMHS 5-12 Band and Chorus Christmas Concert in the RMG Gym at 5:30.

Tuesday, December 10

Light a Life at Down East Community Hospital including Select Musicians 4:30-5:30

Tuesday, December 17

PreK-2 Concert begins at 5:30

Grades 3&4 Concert begins at 6:00

Wednesday, December 18

Christmas Caroling Around Town in the morning (grades K-5)

Thursday, December 19

PAWS Christmas Tree Shop will be open all day.

Drama Club Play 6:00

Friday, December 20

11:30 Dismissal for the Holiday Break

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

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

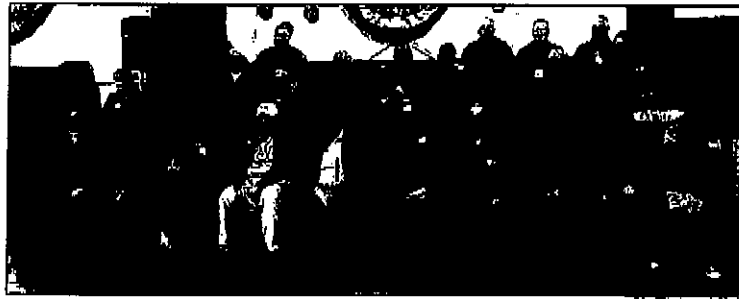
RMG Digital Calendar: <http://localendar.com/public/RMGSchool>.

RMG Facebook Page: <https://sites.google.com/site/rmgelementaryschool/>

Machlas Memorial High School
Principal's Report
December 2019

Veterans Day Program

It was an honor and pleasure to recognize our local veterans. The program was well received by the community. I wanted to thank the planning committee, Mrs. Baker and her students, Mrs. Bridges and her students, and others who made this event a huge success.

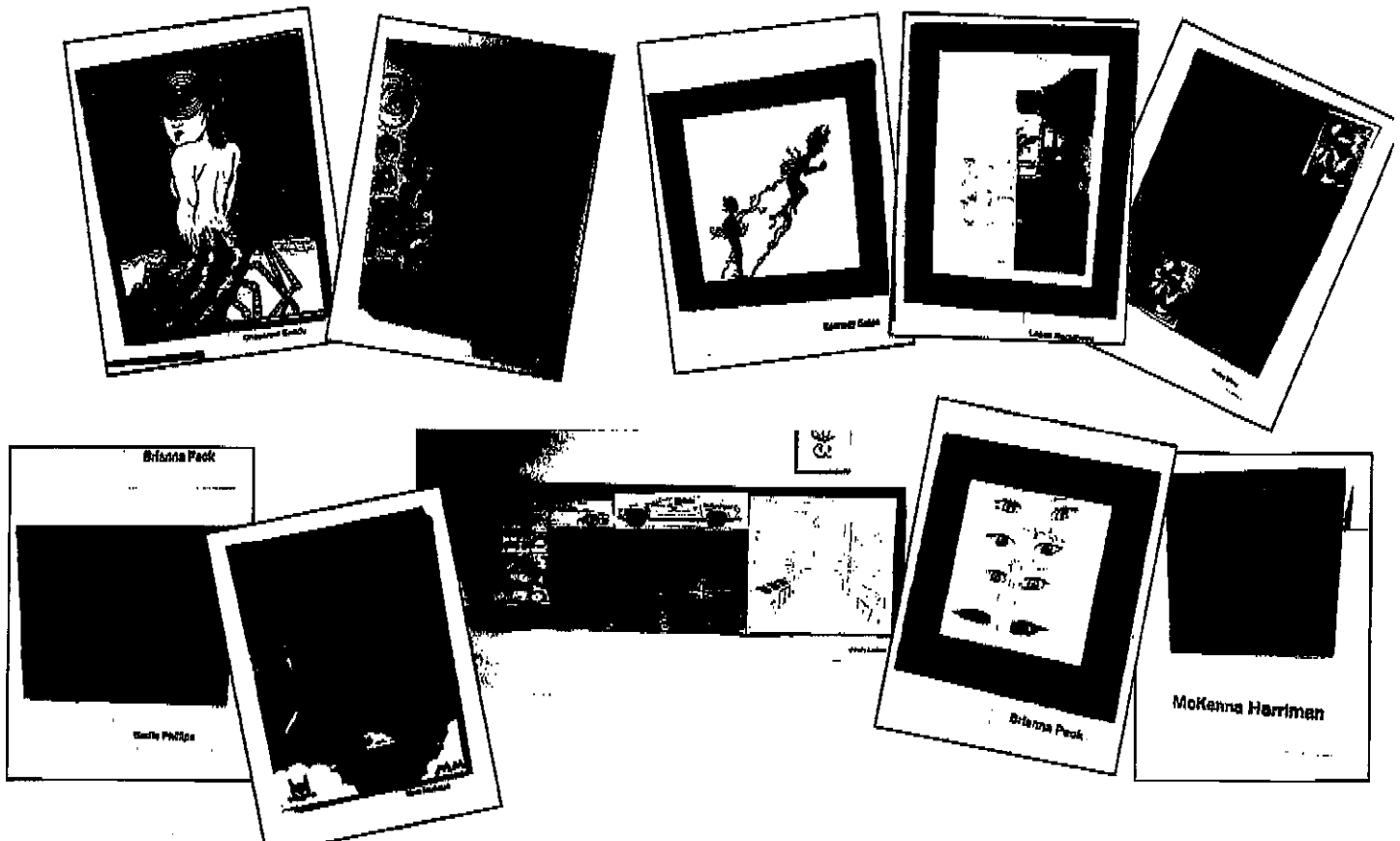


Student Led Conferences

Conferences were held on the afternoon and evening of Thursday, November 14. Student Led Conferences differ from the traditional Parent Teacher Conference because the student facilitates the event, not the teacher. Freshmen usually need some guidance at first, but become skilled by their senior year. The purpose of SLCs is for students to take ownership of their learning progress and present it to their parents.

Student Art Exhibition

Mrs. Lee and her students held an exhibition of their work at the Porter Memorial Library during the month of November. Featured artists were Marc Michaud, Kennedy Cates, Josh LaFoe, Logan Robicheau, McKenna Harriman, Sadie Phillips, Angie Scribner, Brianna Peck, Cheyenne Gandy, and Hunter Willey.



Quarter 1 Honor Roll

The faculty and staff are proud to announce the Quarter 1 Honor Roll. Students need to earn a grade of 93 or above in all of their classes to receive High Honor Roll status. Students need to earn a grade of 85 or above in all their classes to receive Honor Roll status.

High Honors

Seniors: Timothy Jordan

Sophomores: Sebastian Peabody, Brianna Peck

Freshmen: Jacey Barabe

Honors

Seniors: Kennedy Cates, Breckin Gooch, McKenna Harriman, Logan Haskins, Abigail Hooper, Joseph Horvath, Austin Look, Destiny Look, Marc Michaud, Joseph Moores, Grace Preston, Megan Preston, Makayla Saddler, and Jacob Sinford.

Juniors: Nataiya Albee, Katelynn Holland, Hunter Rolfe, and Jason Weaver.

Sophomores: Ozzie Blyther, Cheyenne Gandy, Wesley Huffman, and Angie Scribner.

Freshmen: Maggie Allen, Pepper Beal, Hayley Bishko, Cameron Boynton, Shane Feeney, Emily Fletcher, Kolby Henderson, Sienna Ingalls, Brookelyn Matthews, and Sky Weaver.

NEASC Visit

The visit was a huge success! The team was extremely complimentary and impressed with the ways we are meeting student needs. I was a proud principal.

The team will send me a report that includes commendations and recommendations that we will consider in a school improvement plan. Their next visit will be the decennial visit in the fall of 2020. After this visit NEASC will decide whether they will continue to accredit our school.

Thanksgiving Lunch

Chef Fitzsimmons and the Culinary Arts program hosted their annual Thanksgiving Lunch. The menu included all the traditional fare complete with numerous pies and desserts. The students, teachers, and staff always look forward to this awesome event. We even had several community members join us this year! Events like this make our school a special place for students, teachers, and staff.