

**Minuteman School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017 4:00 pm**  
**Minuteman High School Training Room**

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**Present:** Joyce Miller, Trish Flueckiger, Allyson Huntington, Clifford Keirstead, Francis LaRosa, Gary Sypteras, Tracey Sierra, Jack Dillon, Stavros Ioakimidis, Brian Tildsley, Jaculen Maglio, Recorder

**Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm**

**Review Minutes from January 25, 2017 Meeting – Approved**

**Principal's Newsletter, Mr. Dillon**

Newsletter was passed out and Mr. Dillon asked everyone to look it over. Mr. Dillon briefly commented on all the articles as members followed along. It was mentioned that the newsletter has more articles than in the past. As the council breezed through the newsletter they commented on certain articles. The newsletter is distributed electronically.

**Student/Parent Handbook Changes/Policies, Mr. Tildsley, Assistant Principal**

Mr. Tildsley informed the council that he looks for input from the School Council on updating the Student/Parent Handbook. He'd like feedback on a few subjects that can be revised or updated. These include: Page 9, 15, 27, 33, 34, 47. Joe Biano designed the handbook cover. The size of the handbook has changed due to survey results that majority wanted a smaller book. The handbook is also on our website. Ms. Sierra noticed that on page 45 it reads School Council and should read Student Council.

- **Page 9 School Calendar**

- **Page 15 Student Identification**

It's important that staff wear their identification badge, students are required to wear or have on their possession, their identification badge. It is a security issue and they will be required to wear it in the new building. They have break away lanyards for safety while in their shop.

- **Page 27 Plagiarism**

Not acceptable, students should be graded accordingly.

- **Page 33 Electronic Devices**

The rule is very lenient and teachers decide if devices can be used in their class. Sometimes phones are confiscated if a student misuses them, but are returned if there's a safety concern where the student missed the bus and must call his parent/guardian for a ride home.

- **Page 34 Dress Code**

We received feedback from students regarding wearing hats and that issue has improved.

- **Page 47 School Council**

## **Other Information**

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### **Guest Speakers**

We will have Minuteman staff speak to the council at upcoming meetings. The next speaker will be our Early Education and Care Instructor Ms. Smith, she will talk about what it means to be an Academy Model School. In April, we'll invite Mr. Mahoney the Assistant Superintendent of Finance who will review Minuteman's budget. Mr. Tildsley will join us again in May for our suggestions on the handbook. We could invite Ms. Schrimpf the Director of Education Technology, Mr. Blake the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Mrs. Perreault the Director of Special Education. Our goals this year is to focus on the budget and the handbook.

### **Marijuana Issue**

We are seeing more of an issue with marijuana use now that it has become legal in Massachusetts. Students need to know that it is not to be used in school. We feel that students can't function properly using a skill saw or blow torch while under the influence of marijuana. We are not going to tolerate marijuana use in school.

### **MPA**

MPA is now up and running our next meeting is in March. We'd like more parents involved so we will be emailing parents and ask them to get involved. There is \$13,000 in the account and we'll put \$5,000 towards scholarships.

**Sports Banquet** - Will take place in June.

**New After School Program** - Starting March 21<sup>st</sup> transportation is being provided by C&W bus company.

**School Newspaper** – Students will be reporting and writing for the paper and Ms. Barry will be helping.

### **New Lunch Options**

The Food Service Department has purchase a refrigerator that will provide premade sandwiches, fruit cups, yogurts and premade salads. They also added a microwave for students to heat up food brought from home. If this goes well the microwave will stay, we are going to see how it works out.

### **Student and Staff Member of the Month**

Each month we recognize an outstanding student and staff member. Students are nominated by teachers and staff are nominated by their colleagues. Winners are treated to lunch in the Fife and Drum on the Friday of the announcement.

### **Sports Fields**

Tennis and maybe softball will be the only spring sport on campus. By April there will be construction equipment on site. All games will take place away from Minuteman. Hanscom Airforce Base has a pool and they will team up with us for use of their pool. Wrestling will not take place this year. We are looking to coop with other towns for some sports. Once the new athletic complex is complete, we will have greater sports options for our students.

Survey will go out for the best date for our next meeting.

**Adjourned** at 5:30 pm.