



meeting as submitted. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and B. Winslow) absent. Motion Carries.

### **III. Comments and Concerns**

There were no comments and concerns of citizens this evening.

### **IV. Sub-Committee Discussion**

Motion by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Danielle Souza to move VI.  
OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS B. YMCA Survey Results up to IV. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and B. Winslow) absent. Motion Carries.

#### **A. YMCA Survey Results.**

Danielle Souza stated that tonight we will be discussing the possibility of having a before and/or after school program, we have Nancy Estrada from the YMCA and Jane Simonds from Valley Human Services (VHS) to discuss renting space for a program at the Ware Middle School.

Nancy Estrada from the YMCA gave the results of the School Age Child Care Needs Assessment Survey given to parents last week. She reported that parents representing about 145 students responded, the bulk of responses being kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. There were quite a bit of responses for summer and vacation week programming, because of this the YMCA is open to allowing students to enroll only during these weeks where typically the program would only be open to students who attend 2 to 5 times a week. The YMCA can start a program with a minimum of 9 full time students to enroll 2 days a week and up to 5 times a week. Danielle Souza asked Ms. Estrada if a 2<sup>nd</sup> Language program is possible because she noticed parents indicated on the surveys as a program they would be interested in. Aaron Sawabi also asked what are the general costs involved to the parents. Ms. Estrada answered depending on the second language, the YMCA is certainly capable of coming up with a second language program and that the cost to the parents would be \$40 for 2 days and \$70 for five days. The YMCA does offer financial aid even for a family a four making up to \$40,000 aid is possible. There may be an extra cost for a field trip, but families have the option of staying on site if they are not interested in the field trip. Aaron Sawabi also asked if there are any restrictions on capacity. The YMCA has a 1 Staff / 13 Student ratio, if there are more students then we would obtain the appropriate licensure from the Department of Early Education also we do not take pre-school aged children. There is also an amount of space restriction per student for any after and/or before school program. Joanne Rys asked about meals. The YMCA provides a snack for students and also on full days they will provide a "cold" breakfast but students would need to supply their own lunch. Ms. Rys then asked Dr. Beach on those full days when the school is closed how does it work with opening and closing the building. Dr. Beach answered that the custodians would rearrange how they do things. Dr. Beach also reminded the committee that if this program was sponsored by the district we would have to go out to a formal bid, we charge rental space by the square footage and

that the space we are talking about exceeds \$300, the proposed charge. Both the YMCA and Valley Human Services would be looking at renting the space and have their own liability insurance. The next step for the YMCA would be to get out flyers to parents and would be able to start a program by January 2011.

Jane Simonds then spoke and gave some background information about their program. Then she explained that VHS (Valley Human Services) is proposing a K-8 before and/or after school, vacation program and would be building on the Kidstop program taking place currently at the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School. VHS could start a program with 9 to 10 students. VHS is a multi-human services agency that has 2 distinctive programs, clinical services for counseling and outreach, and EEC licensed programs in Palmer and Ware. In 2006, VHS merged with a well known agency out of Westfield, The Carson Center. They are now known as The Carson Center at Valley Human Services. We have a great deal of out of school time programming experience and offer a variety of indoor and outdoor activities and supply all of their own materials. VHS also gives children the opportunity to have a say in the programming and curriculum. There are no additional fees for field trips or snacks, the only additional fee is for picking up your students late. Aaron Sawabi asked VHS about any restriction on capacity issues. Ms. Simonds answered that we are licensed now for up to 39 students, and that we also have to follow the square footage per student requirement. Danielle Souza asked how long before we could get started. VHS would need about a month to expand the license. Dr. Beach explained that no program can have permanent space at the middle school, their program must be portable. Lastly, Danielle Souza asked if there are any employment opportunities for our high school students. Nancy Estrada answered only if they are over 18 years of age, but the YMCA does offer a variety of volunteer opportunities.

The committee agreed that a decision will not be made tonight because there is still some information needed and it would be best to have the full five members present when they do. Aaron Sawabi thanked everyone for coming and the committee will add to the next meetings' agenda under OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS Before and/or After School Program.

## **B. Policy Sub-Committee**

Danielle Souza reported that the committee is discussing the Social Networking Policy; a teacher survey was sent out regarding social networking Sunday night and as of tonight she has received some responses but not enough to make a decision yet, the committee will still gather responses and information. The sub-committee will add this to their next meeting's agenda.

She then mentioned that there is a new policy and an update to a current policy before us tonight that will require a vote. The new policy File: GBEB Staff Conduct needs to be put into place; Dr. Beach reported that it is a requirement of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. The updated policy change to file JK-R is being amended slightly to reflect student discipline with regards to a student on a 504 Plan or an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan).

Motion by Danielle Souza and seconded by Joanne Rys to accept policy File: GBEB Staff Conduct as presented and to be put into place immediately. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and B. Winslow) absent. All in favor. Motion Carries.

Motion by accept Joanne Rys and second by Danielle Souza to accept the proposed updated File: JK-R Student Discipline. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and B. Winslow) absent. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM in the WJSHS library; November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the WJSHS library; and November 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM in the WJSHS library.

## **V. Reports/Updates.**

### **A. Report from Student Council Member.**

In summary, Kara Rys reported the following:

#### **SMK**

- Pre-school and kindergarten orientation was well attended.
- McDonald's Night was held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Teachers were kept busy filling orders of hamburgers, French fries and McFlurries!
- The third grade went on a field trip to Sturbridge Village last Friday. It was announced by Senator Brewer and Representative Anne Gobi that SMK was awarded \$300.00 to help pay for the cost of the trip.

#### **WMS**

- The Ware Middle School Leadership Council has re-opened the school store with great success. The store is open each morning in the gym, items for sale include: Pencils, erasers, sharpeners and folders.
- The recycling project is up and running. Each homeroom has a box for recycling; items are picked up each Friday morning by council members.
- We will again be collecting can tabs and they will be donated to the Shriner's Hospital.
- The council will be holding a Halloween Floral Raffle for staff members on October 29<sup>th</sup> and there will also be an estimation jar for students.
- Again this year, the council will hold a non-perishable food drive for our local food pantry.
- For November, the council will hold their annual Thanksgiving Day Basket Raffle. All monies raised from raffles and sales are used for school improvement. The Leadership Council would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

#### **WJSHS**

- Friday 10/29 Junior Leadership Council is sponsoring Halloween Theme Day. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can participate in a variety of events and contests.
- Girl's soccer and volleyball teams have qualified for tournament.
- PTSSA and Jr.PTSSA meetings are being held tonight.
- Last Friday, Jr.PTSSA sponsored a dance.

- This past Tuesday, we completed social norms survey in Advisory.
- MCAS retests will be held November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Last week was National Day in Writing, all students wrote “secrets” in Advisory that are on display on the library windows.
- Seniors were measured for caps and gowns on Tuesday.
- STUCO Fall Conference is on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in Westfield.
- Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> is the first study session for AP English students in Worcester.

**B. September 30, 2010 Results of Operations.**

Included in the school committee packet is the September 30, 2010 result of operations. (ATTACHED).

**C. Report from Superintendent.**

- This past week we had our on site Coordinated Program Review from the DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) for Special Education Civil Rights and English Learner Education. We received a number of compliments and several good recommendations. Our largest challenge was ELE. There are 2 policies the committee needs to vote on. One is a revised Special Education policy and the other a staff code of conduct, which is required. Six years ago, when we had this audit they found 46 items of partially-met items and 6 non-compliant items. This year, we do not expect to have more than 6 items of partially-met items. So to the principals, Mary Birks, Joanne Paquin, teachers and staff a job well done. In the spring, we will have another audit for some of our other Federal programs.
- Today, we also had a DESE audit and compliance site visit, Fiscal Monitoring of Policies and Procedures.
- WMS – Fall, Folk and Jazz Musical Festival is tomorrow in the auditorium at WJSHS at 6:30 PM. The event is free and open to the public.
- Enrollment update: Grade 7 male moved out of state; grade 8 male moved out of town; grade 8 female moved out of town; grade 10 male going to GED; grade 11 female unknown; grade 11 male moved out of town; and grade 12 male going for GED.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Revised School Calendar Vote.**

Dr. Beach gave a copy of a revised 2010-2011 Academic Year School Calendar she explained that this is a requirement of the DESE to build the snow days into the district’s school calendar, rather than adding the snow days in at the end. Dr. Beach wanted to be very clear, it says revise but there is no change, just a structural design change and that the revised calendar will be posted on the website once approved.

Motion by Danielle Souza and seconded by Joanne Rys to accept the revision to the 2010-2011 Academic Year School Calendar. 3 members approved. 2 members (C. Desjardins and B. Winslow) absent. All in favor. Motion Carries.

**VIII. Communications**

There were no communications tonight.

**IX. Special Projects**

**A. School Choice.**

There were no school choices updates tonight.

**X. Other Business.**

**A. Schedule of Future Meeting(s).**

November 10, 2010 at 6:30 PM in the WJSHS library.

MOTION by Aaron Sawabi and seconded by Danielle Souza to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 P.M. All in favor.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

C. Desjardins.....absent	A. Sawabi.....yes
B. Winslow.....absent	D. Souza.....yes
J. Rys.....yes	

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Beach  
Superintendent of Schools

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