

EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2016

5:00 p.m.

**Morton Middle School
1135 North Main Street
Fall River, MA 02720**

A roll call at 5:10 p.m. showed:

Mr. Andrade: Present Mr. Martins: Present
Mr. Costa: Present

Also present were Superintendent Malone and Mr. Brian Mikolazyk.

After roll call, there was a salute to the flag then Mr. Andrade read the Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Andrade started off by saying this was a very simple agenda and this probably could have been done informally. The purpose of the meeting was to get feedback from the members of the subcommittee before taking this up to the full School Committee. The School Committee Survey that the Evaluation Subcommittee did as a follow-up to a survey that was done by the Public Policy Center at UMass Dartmouth. The results of that survey were not that good. Mr. Andrade took some of the items that were weakest from the survey and added to those questions some activities that they had been involved with either as daily duties or as something that was designed specifically to deal with the perceptions that people had about the Fall River School Committee (FRSC) since they would be redoing the survey. Some of these were:

- Policies and programs impacting staff perception of FRSC and these are the District Capacity Project that has had at least one school committee member involved
- The Parent/Community Subcommittee of the School Committee which was just established earlier this year
- New policies of the School Committee regarding school visitation and School Committee communication with staff
- The superintendent search process which is something that they had to do but had very little to do with the poor perceptions but people would have some impression on how that search was conducted

Mr. Andrade also added to the survey some School Committee stands on state-wide issues and that was specifically the moratorium on high stakes testing, the vote on the resolution against raising the cap on new charter schools and also the vote in favor of a resolution to support the

Foundation Budget Review Committee’s recommendations relative to state funding for local school districts.

Mr. Andrade asked if there were any comments, suggestions, or perceptions.

MOTION: Mr. Martins-Mr. Costa: To accept the School Committee survey.

Discussion:

Mr. Martins thanked Mr. Andrade for all his hard work. Mr. Costa agreed that he did not have any issues aside from rewording “Weaknesses from Previous Survey” to “Areas of Concern from the Previous Survey” or “Areas for Improvement from Previous Survey.” Overall, the content is good. Mr. Andrade agreed about using the word “weaknesses” and said that he would convey that to Mr. Mikolayzk since he’s the one who is going to be putting the survey together. Mr. Mikolayzk had emailed a draft of the survey earlier in the day and a hard copy was also provided at the meeting.

At this point, regardless of what we get back on the survey, once this is reported to the subcommittee, the full committee, and to the public, Mr. Andrade thinks that the Evaluation Subcommittee will have beaten this particular issue to dust.

At some point in the future, we might discuss where we go from here. Do we do another self-evaluation in the spring or later on? Or should we put it off? That’s a decision we don’t have to make today. Mr. Andrade asked if there was anything further. Mr. Costa said that we just need to take a vote.

All were in favor	None were opposed	Motion passed
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MOTION: Mr. Costa-Mr. Martins: To adjourn.

No discussion

All were in favor	None were opposed	Motion passed (5:16 p.m.)
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Respectfully submitted,



Administrative Assistant