The Following MEMBERS at FHS Library:
Kelly Welch, Chair
Natalie Kanellopoulos, Vice-Chair
Melissa Keefe, Secretary
Terri Medeiros
Andrea Thorrold
William Rider
REMOTE: Leah Palmer

Lori Duerr, Superintendent
Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent REMOTE
Patrick Murphy, Dir. Fin. and Op. REMOTE
Joan Woodward, Dir. of Student Services REMOTE
Joany Santa, Dir. Of Human Resources REMOTE
Sharon Reid, Recording Secretary REMOTE
Community Access REMOTE

HEARD Kelly Welch open the Public Meeting at 6:30 PM.

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos read the Falmouth Public Schools Mission and Vision Statements.

HEARD Kelly Welch recite the recording statement. Abigail Nehring stated she would be recording for the purposes of reporting for the Falmouth Enterprise.

PUBLIC COMMENT
HEARD Jana Faiky, parent of a high school student, request that there be more discussion about the checks and balances regarding discipline actions at the high school.

PRESENTATION of Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)
HEARD Tracey Crago, Director of Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS), report on the following areas:
1. Identify Priorities
2. Shifting of Programs
   a. On-Going
   b. On-Hold
   c. New
3. Board of Directors

HEARD comments and questions following the presentation.

PRESENTATION of Outdoor Structures and ACT on Donation for Outdoor Tents for Each School
HEARD Amy Leonardi report on the benefits of outdoor classrooms using a PowerPoint that included the following topics:

1. Project funds raised
2. In the press
3. Types of shelters for outdoors learning
4. School needs
5. Pros and Cons of the options: American Tent, Sun Sails, Pavilion, Greenhouse, or Weather Port Tent
6. Choice: Weather Port Tent

HEARD comments and questions following the presentation.

MOTION by John Furnari to accept the donation from the Outdoor Learning Committee, of the Falmouth Rotary Club, for $32,806. SECONDED by Melissa Keefe. Roll call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

UPDATE by the Superintendent
HEARD Dr. Duerr report on the following:
1. The COVID vaccination clinic for staff, scheduled for March 19, 2021 has been cancelled
2. Attended the Affirmative Action Committee on March 8, 2021
3. General Review of DESE Returning to School Plan from DESE (DISCUSSION)
4. Weekly “Senior Spotlight” series in the Falmouth Enterprise

HEARD Sonia Tellier report that Bridgewater State has agreed to endorse our new cultural proficiency programs with graduate credits.

UPDATE Items for Spring Town Meeting
HEARD Patrick Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, review Article 33 – To see if the Town will vote to create a Select Board Taskforce on Sustainable Living for Falmouth’s Workforce Families and to fund a Family Early Education & Childcare Support Voucher Program.

HEARD Joan Woodward, Director of Student Services, report what Preschool Programs are available through the Falmouth Public Schools.

HEARD comments and questions following the presentation.

DISCUSS and ACT on MCAS Resolution
HEARD Lori Duerr and Sonia Tellier report on the status of the MCAS tests for the 2020-2021 school year. The resolution would add Falmouth to a list of other districts in the state that request no MCAS tests be given this year. A sample draft resolution was included in the packet. After discussion, it was agreed that edits to the sample document would be sent to Leah Palmer who will make revisions. This item will be on the next agenda scheduled for March 23, 2021.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to approve the minutes of February 23, 2021. SECONDED by Andrea Thorrold. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

COMMITTEE MEMBER reports

HEARD Kelly Welch report that the joint meeting with the School Committee and the Select Board is scheduled for March 15, 2021.

HEARD Terry Medeiros report that the Policy Subcommittee is up-to-date on all policy reviews.

v. 3/18/21
HEARD John Furnari report that the Cape Cod Collaborative is working on funding for a playground at the Star Program site in Osterville, MA.

HEARD Leah Palmer report that she watched the movie “Amend - The Fight for America” on Netflix and recommends the series.

HEARD Natalie Kanellopoulos suggest ways to increase community participation at the School Committee Meetings.

VIEWED Student Video.

MOTION by Melissa Keefe to adjourn. SECONDED by Lisa Hart. Roll Call Vote. UNANIMOUS.

The following documents were included in the School Committee packet of March 9, 2021. Hard copies can be found in the Superintendent’s office or electronic copies on-line at the Town’s website:

- Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) PowerPoint Presentation
- Outdoor Learning PowerPoint Presentation
- Article 33 description
- DRAFT MCAS Resolution
- Draft Minutes of February 23, 2021

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:56 PM

Minutes Approved March 23, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Keefe
Secretary

Recording Secretary: Sharon Reid