

**Record of the Marblehead School Committee Meeting  
Thursday May 5, 2022  
Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity METCO  
11 Roxbury St. Roxbury, MA 02119**

**Members Present:** Sarah Gold, Meagan Taylor, Emily Barron  
**Remote Participants:** Sarah Fox and David Harris

**Also:** John J. Buckey, Superintendent  
Nan Murphy, Assistant Superintendent  
Michelle Cresta, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations  
Dan Bauer, High School Principal (remote)  
Julie Ferreira, Veterans Assistant Principal

Link:<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88958514093?pwd=UHZ0ZVhKNlhuOHV2ZUdnS2NHZ3FzQT09>

I. Initial Business

a. Call to Order

Ms. Gold called the meeting to order at 7:02pm and recognized the largest audience the committee has had in some time.

b. Commendations

- Ms. Taylor thanked the community for coming to Town Meeting for two nights in a row.
- Dr. Buckey thanked Milly and the METCO staff for the warm welcome to METCO Inc.

c. Student Representative-Yasen Colon

- Ella Kramer was recognized for being athlete of year
- The 6 finalist for the Hunts photo school contest were recognized
- On April 13<sup>th</sup> Team harmony presented to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on all forms of hate
- Quarter 4 will begin on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- College Admissions Officers visited on April 13<sup>th</sup> with Financial Aid Officers to follow on the 26<sup>th</sup>
- An Acapella concert was held on April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Advanced Placement testing is taking place from May 2<sup>nd</sup>-May 14<sup>th</sup>
- The Junior auction is from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>
- The Performing Arts Department is holding a fundraiser at Dolphin Yacht Club that evening
- Team Harmony and the Racial Justice Team will host a diversity presentation at Abbot Hall on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup>
- The annual Cultural Fest will be at the high school on May 20<sup>th</sup>
- The annual Juneteenth flag raising will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Abbot Hall
- All class fundraisers were mentioned and prom dates were shared
- A sports update was provided

d. Public Comment

- Ms. Nicole Cohen commented on the former weeks meeting and her disappointment regarding the budget discussion, the discussion about a Superintendent survey and the public comment referencing accommodations for a child of a committee member.
- Ms. Cindy Lowen of Trinity Rd and member of the Racial Justice Team spoke in favor of continuing to promote the METCO program and administration behind the program.
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II. Superintendent Report

a. Senior Updates-High School Principal, Dan Bauer

This agenda item was taken out of order and discussed after the METCO and DEI updates.

Principal Dan Bauer provided updates for upcoming senior events including senior project, senior week, proms, scholarship night, senior trips and graduation.

- b. METCO Updates-METCO Lead Coordinator, Julia Ferreira  
METCO Lead Coordinator, Ms. Ferreira provided updates for the METCO program including an update on filling the METCO Director position. She also shared that weekly METCO representative meetings have been taking place and that meet and greets were being scheduled for families who were new to Marblehead. Ms. Ferreira mentioned that senior students would be gifted graduation gifts and that summer success gift bags will be distributed. It was also mentioned that DESE would be providing updates and guidance regarding allocations for METCO funding.
- c. District Diversity, Equity and Inclusion DEI Updates-DEI Members  
Assistant Superintendent, Nan Murphy shared that the DEI committee is continuing to focus work on the strategic objectives outlined in the Planning for Success work. It was mentioned that professional development across the district from pre-kindergarten to grade 12 has been aligned across the district to “embed diversity, equity and inclusion in the mission, vision, core values and training of the leadership team, schools and the district.” She shared the titles of the focused professional development held regularly on Wednesdays. She commended the DEI team for the collaboration with planning and implementing the PD days.
- d. District Updates-Superintendent, Dr. John J. Buckey  
Superintendent Buckey shared that after a comprehensive search, Ms. Mary Maxfield has been named as the new Brown School Principal joining Marblehead from Barrington NH. Ms. Maxfield’s work history was shared and it was mentioned that during the interview process, Ms. Maxfield explained that she “believes strongly in the art of collaboration and that it makes good things happen. Respecting all stakeholders and inviting stakeholders to the table is critical to the successful implementation of any initiative.” It was mentioned that a Coffee at the Brown School will be held before the end of Year.

### III. School Committee and/or Discussion Items

- a. The Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity METCO-Parent Representative Process  
Ms. Gold mentioned that during the working dinner parents discussed what they were looking for in a METCO parent representative. The next steps will be for Ms. Taylor and METCO parent, Ms. Lloyd to discuss how they could implement an effective search. A conversation took place about inviting another district who already has a parent representative to the summer retreat.
- b. Subcommittee and Liaisons Updates  
Ms. Taylor shared that the request to increase the school’s operating budget was passed at Town meeting and will be moving onto the ballot in June

### IV. Closing Business

- a. New Business  
Ms. Gold mentioned dates for informational budget forums and requested the availability for remote participation. After a brief discussion about scheduling options for forums, the committee decided to hold forums on the following dates:

Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> in the morning

Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Superintendent Buckey did mention that it was of importance to note that the forums were not intended to add to or subtract from requests and that they would be informational and educational for the community.

- b. Correspondence  
Ms. Gold mentioned receiving information from the Town Moderator regarding appointing a representative to the Essex Technical School Board of Trustees.

Ms. Gold also mentioned receiving information about naming a space in the Glover School for recently deceased teacher, Brooke Yanow that would come back to the committee for final consideration and approval.

c. Adjournment

Ms. Gold adjourned the meeting at 7:49pm.

*Materials Included:*

*Memo-Class of 2022 Updates*

*Memo-METCO District Updates*

*Memo-DEI District Updates*

*Correspondence-Essex Technical School*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Lisa Dimier, Secretary*

*Marblehead School Committee*

*Approved June 2, 2022*