



March 22, 2017

TO: Members of the Educational Evaluation Committee  
Town Clerk

**Educational Evaluation Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 5:15 p.m.  
Superintendent's Large Conference Room**

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Present: Sandra Berardy, Dan Boisvert, Carrie Baxter, Colleen Rix, Laurie Pallin  
Guests: Paula LaChance, Jeff Theodoss, Phil Orbe, George Dawe, and four students

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:14 pm by Chair Carrie Baxter.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Follow up reports on new MHS courses (History and Film, AP Computer Science):

George explained implementation of History and Film course.

- Course consists of units of three films on like-minded topics. Eleven students were enrolled semester one, seventeen students in semester two.
- Heavy writing course – Students complete unit essays connecting three movies and tracing problems through history to today. Students learn to compare fact and fiction and recognize exaggeration.
- Varied forms of assessment are included.

Students shared:

- Course emphasizes visual learning- watch history happen on screen
- One eye opening unit was on discrimination. Students realized how extreme and horrible it can be, and by watching films developed empathy. Students are able to put themselves in other people's shoes and see that racism is still happening today.
- For the end of course final, students made their own movie- e.g. Women in the Military Through Film
- Students learn to compare Hollywood dramatization to facts.

Student Noah Cook presented AP Computer Science

- Sixteen students enrolled this year. Next year 20 students are expected.
- An application based process is used in the class
- Android-based apps were created- students worked with a partner on programming and learned to identify errors. The building blocks they develop can be quite challenging.
- Noah displayed his app to check and update stocks

4. Transition Program presentation by Paula LaChance:
  - Paula provided a document describing the Transition Program included in our budget for 2017-18. This program includes academic skills, vocational training, and independent living skills. She reviewed the document provided which is in E&E One Note binder.
  
5. Palmer report feedback:
  - Committee wants additional information on academic work done by Palmer PBL students as compared to high school at next meeting.
  
6. ELA Program
  - Deferred to next month
  
7. Future Agenda Items:
  - Career Pathways and PR to Students, e.g. Three Rivers Nuclear Training Program
  - Exploring Computer Science Course Approval
  - Report on Palmer Student's Academic Growth
  - Perkins Program Audit recommendations /commendations
  - K-12 Music Program
  
8. Adjournment
  - Motion to Adjourn at 5:57 pm
  - Proposed by: Sandra Berardy
  - Seconded by: Colleen Rix
  - Vote: All in Favor (vote 4-0)