

Special School Committee Meeting
Use of Henry Lord Middle School Sub-Committee Meeting
July 20, 2013

Agenda:

Roll Call: 9:00 a.m.

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| Mr. Andrade | Present |
| Mr. Martins | Present |
| Mr. Pavao | Not Present |

Mr. Martins:

Stated that Mr. Pavao's mother passed away about an hour prior to the scheduled meeting and that is why he is not in attendance today. Due to this there will be an abbreviated meeting. The committee will list a few options in which the Henry Lord building can be utilized. Would also like the administration to come up with additional usage for the use of the building. Mr. Martins also stated that he will be contacting the Mayor in regards to scheduling another meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts this meeting may not take place as soon as he would like. At this time Mr. Martins asked if Mr. Andrade had any suggestions for the use of the Henry Lord Middle School.

Mr. Andrade:

Would like to state a few options for the use of the school, at this point doesn't feel as though the feasibility is not important. Consider opening once more as a middle school, would have to look at the number of students that school could hold. Mr. Andrade also stated that he has gathered information and suggestions mostly from teachers, one of them to set up a middle school resiliency or a FRAP program which existed years ago and its Mr. Andrade's understanding is that it was successful, it relied on behavior modification technique. The third suggestion would be to use the school as an overflow for the overcrowded elementary schools, would have to look into see if we have the appropriate furniture or staffing.

Mr. Martins:

Suggested that the Henry Lord building could be used as the Watson School on Eastern Avenue, this is an old building, this would allow the students to be moved to a more modern building. Wanted to state that these are all suggestions, will consider the pro's and con's of each suggestion. Suggested that Henry Lord be used as a potential middle school, career and technical school. Students can be prepared to move onto Durfee and selecting their pathways. Suggested the use of Henry Lord to be used as middle school, just as Mr. Andrade suggested. Use the building as a AP middle school, one of the complaints that Mr. Martins has received, Mr. Martins stated that he believes in inclusion and that some parents are concerned with the fact that their children are being held back by students that need additional help and the help is not there. This AP school would have the resources for those AP students and would also advance the resources for the students that need help. Mr. Martins ask that if anyone have a suggestion that they would like to bring forward to email him at joseph.martins@comcast.net or jmartins@fallriverpublicschools.org . Committee was prepared to list the options and to discuss the

pros and cons and present a suggestion to the full school committee, due to the passing of Mr. Pavao's mother, Mr. Martins doesn't feel it's appropriate to have this meeting with only Mr. Andrade and himself. At this time Mr. Martins thanked Mr. Coogan for being present and representing the administration.

Mr. Andrade:

Suggested that perhaps we could ask the administration to contact the parents through the automatic phone system, to indicate that we are looking for their input regarding suggestions for the use of the Henry Lord building. To also indicate that they will be notified of a future meeting. Dialogue in this message doesn't have to be long, just asking that parent briefly make a suggestion. As well as school personnel, their suggestions are also welcome.

Mr. Martins moved to conclude the meeting, Mr. Andrade seconded the motion to conclude at 9:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Megan Souza, Administrative Assistant Human Resources