

MINUTES
WOONSOCKET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2007
7:25 PM – OPEN SESSION
Woonsocket Area Career & Technical Center
Multimedia Room 303

Called to Order by Chairman Marc Dubois
Moment of Silence
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:	Marc Dubois, Chairman	Present
	Allen Auclair	Present
	Michelle Williams	Present
	Eleanor Nadeau	Present
	Anita McGuire-Forcier	Present

Chairman Dubois announced that it was brought to the WSC's attention that the agenda was printed in the paper on Tuesday instead of on Monday, which does not allow the proper 48-hour notice. A new meeting will have to be scheduled. Dr. Macera stated that the irregularity was not on the part of the WED. Presentations can be made, but no voting can take place.

RECOGNITIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **POSITIVE INITIATIVES: Richard Pickett, Principal – Social Street Elementary Initiatives of FY07**

Mr. Pickett stated that in order to have a good school, we have to teach strong character and find ways for students to give back to their community. Dr. David Guevremont, building psychologist, discussed the "Town Meeting" concept at Social Street School. "It's a character-building program. It's a forum for students to express creative talents and prepares students to be a good audience. Guests come to Town Meetings also. Each meeting focuses on a word of the month, such as "friendship", "effort", "peace", "choices", and "trust". Each class is responsible for preparing a presentation on the word of the month. Awards are given out for student of the month," said Guevremont. Some Social Street students did a dance that they had prepared.

Bonnie Clark, a Social Street School teacher, and two students spoke about the Social Street School food pantry.

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- **WOONSOCKET MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNITIONS: Students of the Quarter –Dr. Patrick McGee**

Dr. Pat McGee, Principal of WMS, announced the names of the students of the 2nd quarter at the WMS. These students are nominated by their teachers. He had those that were present stand to be recognized.

CONFERENCES:

- **Marc Ladin, Principal – Kevin Coleman Elementary, Report on Positive Initiatives of FY07**

Mr. Ladin spoke about school safety and the therapeutic detention program at Coleman Elementary. This program was developed to teach alternatives for negative behavior and is run by the school social worker. Students discuss their infraction and talk about what they would do differently next time in a similar situation. He said that most of the students who have this detention do not repeat. He also discussed data-driven decision-making and explained the handouts he gave to the WSC. It compared NECAP scores for 2005 and 2006 and identified students who are borderline proficient. They are just below meeting proficiency; therefore, extra attention is needed with those students in that particular area.

Mrs. Forcier announced that this Friday there will be a clambake and clam chowder dinner held to benefit the WHS Band. She also mentioned a mentoring program and the contact for that program if people are interested in volunteering.

This meeting will be continued to April 25th at 7 p.m.

The meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy G. Belisle
WSC Recording Secretary