



**DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA**

Monday, October 2, 2023

**Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School
Media Center
286 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, Massachusetts 02664**

**Regular Meeting
6:30 p.m.**

THIS MEETING WILL ALSO BE ACCESSIBLE TO VIEW REMOTELY:

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Members:

Ms. Jeni Landers, Chairperson
Ms. Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Marilyn Bemis, Secretary
Mr. Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer
Mr. Joseph Tierney
Mr. Phillip Morris
Mr. Joe Glynn

Administration

Dr. Marc J. Smith, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Mrs. Maria Lopes, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Instruction
Rose-Anna Joachim, Student Representative to the School Committee
Isabella Power, Student Representative to the School Committee

A. Call to Order (6:30 p.m.)

B. Reports and Discussions

- i. Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power
- ii. Permission for Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Winter Percussion to Travel to Dayton, Ohio for the Winter Guard International World Championship Finals– Alex Pendleton (Enclosure B2)

Motion: Move to approve a Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Winter Percussion field trip to Dayton, Ohio to compete in the WGI World Championship Finals. Dates of the trip are April 16, 2024 to April 20, 2024.

- C. Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report**
 - i. School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney
 - ii. School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

- D. Superintendent’s Report**
 - i. Recognition of Donations and other Acknowledgments
 - ii. Clothing Drive
 - iii. October 6th Professional Development In Service Day

- E. Consent Agenda**
Consent Agenda (Enclosure E)

- F. Bills and Requisitions**

- G. Calendars**

- H. Public Comment**

- I. Adjournment**

**The items listed to be discussed are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.*

***Please note: The timeframes listed above are intended to guide the School Committee in their work. It should be understood that the times are approximate, and therefore may occur earlier than noted; and may be taken out of order at the request of the Chair and a vote of the School Committee.*

Should there be a need for clarification on any of the aforementioned, please contact me prior to the meeting to allow sufficient time for further research if necessitated. Thank you. Dr. Marc J. Smith, Superintendent

Consent Agenda (Enclosure E)

The Superintendent recommends the School Committee approve the following items as presented:

Donations:

Move to accept a \$500.00 donation from the Kenneth T. Jenks Student Enrichment Fund toward the Dennis-Yarmouth High School Washington, D.C. school trip as per Ms. Bennett’s September 19, 2023 memo.

Minutes:

September 11, 2023



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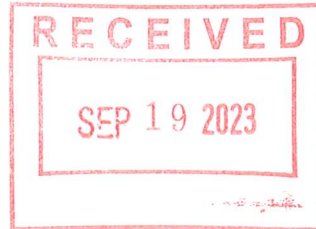
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MARY O'CONNOR
Athletic Director

MEMORANDUM



TO: Mr. Marc Smith
Superintendent

FROM: Kendra Bennett *KB*
Principal

DATE: September 18, 2023

RE: DY Winter Percussion
Overnight trip to Dayton, OH – WGI World Championships

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School requests approval for the Winter Percussion to travel to Dayton, OH and compete at the Winter Guard International World Championship Finals.

What this trip will involve is:

Approximately 30 students, Mr. Pendleton, Percussion Director John Jamison, Assistant Director Rebecca Marcotte and parent chaperones will leave Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School at approximately 6:00am on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 and travel by coach bus to Dayton, Ohio. The group is expected to depart Dayton, OH at approximately 8:00am on Saturday, April 20, 2024, with a return to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School at approximately 11:00pm.

As soon as this trip is approved, the application and fee to attend the Championships will be sent in so that they're able to secure a spot in the roster, and be eligible to begin the planning phase of the trip. The hotels in Dayton will have to be contacted, and Cape Destinations Bus Company will be the expected coach bus provider. They will also have an equipment truck with two drivers following the bus.

Students would miss no days of school as this trip is scheduled during April vacation. Cost is expected to be approximately \$1200 per student, which will cover transportation, hotel room, all food, activities, and tickets. Fundraising opportunities will be made available to all students. Special consideration will be made by the Band Parents Organization will make special consideration for those students in financial need.

Chaperoning the trip will be Alex Pendleton, John Jamison, Becca Marcotte, and approximately 6 parents.

I recommend approval of this trip and look forward to an opportunity to review this request with you.

Thank you.

KAB/jdp
Enclosure

A Proposal for Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Winter Percussion
To attend the Winter Guard International Percussion Finals
In Dayton, OH, April 16-20 2024

The Winter Percussion ensemble competes regularly on the New England Scholastic Band Association (NESBA) circuit. Winter Guard International (WGI) is the consummate leader and authority of high school percussion in the world. (Most other associations, such as NESBA base their programs on what WGI is currently doing, and even use WGI scoring sheets and philosophies.). Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Winter Percussion is eligible to compete at the World Championship Finals this year.

Attendance at WGI Finals will prove to be an extremely beneficial experience for all the members of Winter Percussion. These students work so closely together that they indeed become like a family by the end of the season and push each other to successfully overcome each challenge as it occurs. They will get a chance to see what schools across the globe are accomplishing in their percussion programs, and meet their true peers in the best performance situation imaginable. When we aspire to be the best we can be at something, what better way to be inspired than to take advantage of the opportunity to share the world stage with the best in the world at the activity!

D-Y percussion students are highly motivated, excellent achievers and they draw deep inspiration from seeing how others interpret indoor marching percussion from a different perspective. No other school on Cape Cod is going to WGI World Championships, so for them to be able to represent the community of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional and Cape Cod at a world-class event, would be the pinnacle of their achievements, and an invaluable real-life experience that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives. I can also attest that the increased zeal that all the students have for music in Dennis-Yarmouth Regional has directly led to higher levels of proficiency and dedication in the year following a trip to WGI Finals. This experience will be pure inspiration.

What this trip will involve is:

About 30 students, Mr. Pendleton, Percussion Director John Jamison, Assistant Director Rebecca Marcotte, and parent chaperones will leave Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School at approximately 6:00a.m. on Tuesday April 16th and travel by coach bus to Dayton, Ohio. Preliminary rounds of competition will be held the morning of Wednesday the 17th. The next round of competitions will be the Semi-Finals, held the Thursday the 18th, and Percussion Finals will begin in the evening of Friday the 19th. Although it is possible that we could be eliminated in an early round of competition, we need to be prepared to stay all the way through Finals and would attend all the ongoing rounds of competition to the end. For our return, we expect to depart Dayton at approximately

8:00a.m. on Saturday the 20th with a return to Dennis-Yarmouth Regional at approximately 11pm.

As soon as this trip is approved, we will send in the application and fee to attend Championships, so that we're able to secure a spot in the roster, and be eligible to begin the planning phase of the trip. Hotels in Dayton will have to be contacted, and we expect to use Cape Destinations Bus Company to be our carrier. We will also have an equipment truck with two drivers following us.

Students would miss NO school as this trip is scheduled during April vacation. Cost will be expected to be approximately \$1200 per student, which will cover transportation, hotel room, all food, activities, and tickets. Fundraising opportunities will be made available to all students. Special consideration will be made by the Band Parents Organization for those students in financial need.

Chaperoning the trip will be Music and Performing Arts Department Chair, Alex Pendleton, Percussion Director John Jamison, Assistant Percussion Director (and Wixon teacher) Becca Marcotte, and approximately 6 parents.

This trip will be an amazing musical and educational experience for everyone.



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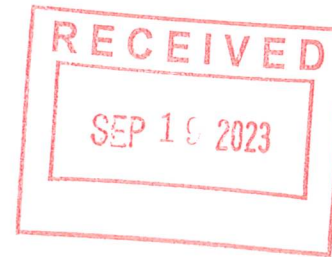
MEMORANDUM

TO: Marc Smith
Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Kendra Bennett 
Principal

DATE: September 19, 2023

RE: Gift



The following people/businesses have made a donation to our school for the Washington DC school trip:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kenneth T. Jenks Student Enrichment Fund	\$500.00

On behalf of our students and teachers, I ask that you accept this gift. Thank you.



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Kristin O'Malley
c/o The Cape Cod Foundation
261 Whites Path, Unit 2
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

Dear Ms. O'Malley,

On behalf of Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the generous donation towards the student trip to Washington DC. The contributions from The Kenneth T. Jenks Education Fund will benefit our students.

Thank you again for supporting our students and school community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KB', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Kendra Bennett
Principal

KAB/jdp

cc: **Dr. Marc Smith**, Superintendent
Colin Kulis, Teacher



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Kristin O'Malley

September 11, 2023

Ms. Kendra Bennett
Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
210 Station Avenue
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Dear Ms. Bennett:

We are pleased to announce that Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School has been awarded a grant from the Kenneth T. Jenks Student Enrichment Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation. The grant is for \$500.00 to be used for the Washington, D.C. Field Trip.

Please include the source of the grant from the Kenneth T. Jenks Student Enrichment Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation in any printed materials such as press releases, brochures, website pages, posters and local announcements regarding this award. We would appreciate a copy of any of these materials for our files.

By accepting this grant, your organization certifies to The Cape Cod Foundation that this grant may not be used to satisfy the payment of a pledge or other personal or corporate financial obligation, and no goods or services (memberships, tickets to events, benefits of a personal or corporate nature, etc.) will be provided to any individuals or entities as a condition of this grant. Any portion of this grant not needed for the designated purpose will be repaid to the Foundation, unless permission to do otherwise is expressly given in writing by an authorized representative of the Foundation.

Please call or email The Cape Cod Foundation at 508-790-3040 or info@capecodfoundation.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kristin O'Malley
President and CEO

*We are honored to
make this first grant
from Ken's fund!*

Enclosures



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TO THE ORDER OF Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School

DATE
09/11/2023

AMOUNT
***500.00

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School
210 Station Avenue
South Yarmouth, MA 02664

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Grant 38381 :: :: Kenneth T. Jenks Student Enrichment Fund
Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Grant Distribution
Washington, D.C. Field Trip

09/07/2023

500.00

Total 500.00

DENNIS-YARMOUTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of a School Committee Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023

A Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate/Middle School in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Members Present: Jeni Landers, Chairperson; Marilyn Bemis, Secretary; Tomas Tolentino, Treasurer; Joseph Tierney; Phillip Morris; Joe Glynn; Student Representative Rose-Anna Joachim; Student Representative Isabella Power.

Members not Present: Jennifer Rose, Vice Chairperson.

Others Present: Dr. Marc Smith, Superintendent of Schools; David Flynn, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations; Eileen Whalen, Recording Secretary to the School Committee; Michael Bovino, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Middle School; Tim Blake, Principal, Dennis-Yarmouth Intermediate School; Jennifer Edwards, Colin Kulis, Michelle Dunn, DYEA; Holly Poor, Pat Plucinski, DYRSAA.

At 6:32 p.m., Jeni Landers, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Reports and Discussions

Student Representatives Report – Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella Power

The student representatives reported on the happenings at the high school including the new student cookout and tours; the new cell phone policy; open house; and all the excitement about fall sports.

Permission for Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Overnight Travel and Request to Miss 3 School Days – Colin Culis

Mr. Culis distributed informational packets to the committee and gave a presentation regarding the proposed trip to Washington, DC. After some discussion; on a motion by Joseph Tierney, seconded by Phillip Morris and carried unanimously 6-0, it was

VOTED: To approve a Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School field trip to Washington, D.C. as per Mrs. Bennett's August 21, 2023 memo. The dates of the trip are March 12, 13, and 14, 2024. The group requests permission to miss school for three days.

Superintendent's Entry Plan

Dr. Smith presented his Entry Plan, a copy of which was included in the packet. He shared his values of Equity, Growth, Relationships, and Teaching & Learning. The process of data collection will be through interviews, surveys, document review of data that already exists. Data will be collected across a wide variety of stakeholder groups including students and student organizations; families and family organizations; town and safety officials; community organizations and state officials/representatives; and faculty and staff working in a wide variety of roles across the district. Dr. Smith also shared the guiding questions he will use as well as next steps. He shared that he had recently met together with Rose-Anna Joachim and Isabella

Power; and that they represented both the student side as well as the family side of the stakeholder groups. He said that the voices of the families are very important.

At the close of the presentation, Superintendent Smith asked for questions from the committee.

Mr. Glynn said it was a great, well-thought-out plan. He asked what any plans might be for any gaps. Dr. Smith said that he has already met with the four chiefs from the two towns, both police and fire. He hopes that working together they can create a public safety team.

Mr. Morris shared his perspective on the community stakeholders and the Mass. Association of School Superintendents; Dr. Smith is currently training through the New Superintendent Induction Program, which is part of M.A.S.S. and DESE.

Mr. Tolentino said that communication is key and that communication looks different to everyone. Dr. Smith agrees and that adjustments are being made including more easily translated messaging.

Mr. Tierney said he likes the timeline and the fact that there will be updates throughout the year.

Ms. Bemis shared that communication is a two way street and that feedback and reflection is helpful in forming relationships.

Chair Landers said that she has been meeting with the superintendent. She also suggested that facilities be added to the list of stakeholders.

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

VOTED: To approve the Superintendent's Entry Plan as presented.

Subcommittee, Representatives, Liaison Report

School Building Committee Report – Joseph Tierney

Mr. Tierney said that punch list items are continuing; there are some supply chain issues. Chair Landers would like to see a report to the school committee sometime in the future.

School Committee Liaisons to the Boards of Selectmen

Dennis: Marilyn Bemis said that there is a child care subsidy program and that information is available on the Town of Dennis website.

Yarmouth: No report.

Superintendent's Report

Recognition of Donations and other Acknowledgments

Superintendent Smith acknowledged and thanked Staples for their \$959.84 contribution to the eSports program at the high school. He also wished to recognize the ongoing philanthropy of

Mr. Mark Ohrenberger of Yarmouth Port, who has once again donated LL Bean backpacks to the students of Dennis and Yarmouth, for which he is most appreciative.

Convocation and Opening Day Report

Dr. Smith reported that convocation went very well; it took place at the beautiful new Kenneth T. Jenks Performing Arts Center. New and long time staff members were acknowledged. He said that he shared his entry plan and that the presidents of the DYEA and DYRSAA had the opportunity to speak to their members. He also shared that he was able to visit all of the schools on the first student day and saw lots of warm, welcoming smiles and excitement all around.

Dr. Smith then wished to acknowledge the September 11th anniversary; the Committee shared his sentiments.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Phillip Morris, seconded by Tomas Tolentino, and carried unanimously 6-0 it was

VOTED: To approve the following items as presented in the Consent Agenda:

Donations:

Move to accept a donation of gaming equipment valued at \$959.84 from Staples to the Dennis-Yarmouth High School eSports Program as per Mrs. Bennett's August 16, 2023 memo.

Move to accept a donation of twelve LL Bean backpacks to the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District from Mr. Mark Ohrenberger of Yarmouth Port as per Dr. Smith's August 29, 2023 memo.

Minutes:

7-6-23 Minutes

8-7-23 Workshop Minutes

Bills, Requisitions and Payroll

The warrants were signed by the committee.

Calendars

The upcoming calendars were reviewed.

Items Distributed at Meeting

Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School Washington, DC field trip handout.

Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m., on a motion by Tomas Tolentino, seconded by Joe Glynn, and carried unanimously 6-0; it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Minutes recorded and prepared by,

Eileen M. Whalen, Assistant Secretary

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