

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 3, 2019**

A Committee of the Whole meeting of the Revere School Committee took place on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 10:30 AM Ferrante School Committee Room, Revere High School.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Michael Ferrante, Vice-Chair, Ms. Susan Gravellese, Mrs. Stacey Rizzo, Mr. Fred Sannella, Ms. Carol Tye, Mr. Gerry Visconti, Secretary

Also in attendance were Dr. Perella, Principal of Revere High School, Revere High School students, Sophia Garcia and Iyad Slaiki.

Mayor Arrigo entered the meeting at 10:50 AM

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Ferrante at 10:35 AM

1. Revere High School Hat Pilot Proposal

Dr. Perella and Student Voice representatives Sophia Garcia and Iyad Slaiki addressed the committee regarding implementing a Hat Pilot Program. Dr. Perella shared that quite often students would ask why hats could not be worn within the building of Revere High School. Dr. Perella empowered student voice by bringing student questions to teachers (through a survey and focus groups) and then to the School Improvement Council.

There was very strong support for the idea of a pilot with only one teacher expressing concern. The criteria of the hat pilot would target safety by disallowing hoods and any headgear that impairs education.

Several questions, recommendations and concerns were raised by committee members. They agreed to support a pilot beginning immediately and to be reviewed at the end of the 1st semester of the 19-20 school year. The agreement includes:

- A student survey for input at the end of the pilot
- A teacher survey at the end of the pilot
- A PTO survey at the end of the pilot
- Hoods are excluded
- Review and update of the student handbook
- Dr. Perella will evaluate discipline trends during this pilot to see if there is any negative impact of allowing hats/common headgear to be worn.
- Appropriateness of hats and common headgear would be up to school administration.

Mr. Sannella

MOVED: That we the School Committee allow the Hat Pilot Program as described above.

Roll Call:

Mr. Ferrante -	No	Mr. Sannella -	Yes
Ms. Gravellese -	Yes	Ms. Tye -	Yes
Mrs. Rizzo -	Present	Mr. Visconti -	No
	Mayor Arrigo -	Yes	

VOTED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne K. Kelly, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

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