

APPROVED MARCH 5, 2015

Dover School Committee
Meeting of February 10, 2015

Members Present: Dawn Fattore, Chair
Kristen Dennison, Secretary
Lauren Doherty
Henry Spalding
Adrian Hill

Also Present: Steve Bliss, Superintendent
Karen LeDuc, Assistant Superintendent
Laura Dayal, Principal

1) Call to Order

Ms. Fattore called the meeting to order at 6:50 pm in the Sherborn Town Hall.

2) Presentation, Discussion and Action

- a) Elementary Spanish Program: Dr. Laura Romer & Ms. Patricia Chilangwa
Dr. Romer and Ms. Chilangwa gave a presentation on the FLES program. By the end of elementary school, students who have been in the FLES program for 6 years should have a Novice High (students can be a conversation partner in simple, direct conversations and can handle basic communication needed in daily life most of the time, functioning primarily at the sentence level) level of oral proficiency. In FLES classes the kids experience: immersion in Spanish, parallel Spanish content, exposure to other cultures, interactive learning and multidisciplinary experiences. The expected outcomes of the FLES program are: enhances understanding of Spanish culture & cultural differences through language; improved ability to analyze, compare, contrast, synthesize, improvise and examine material across academic disciplines; mastery of linguistic skills not found in English; ability to communicate beyond native language; cross curriculum enrichment and gains in overall achievement. Dr. Romer also addressed the challenges she sees for the FLES program in the coming years: department oversight across two schools and feeding into the middle school in 2019); scheduling three or four 30-minute classes per week in each grade (20-minute classes in K); time to collaborate with classroom teachers to inform curriculum development across grade levels; alignment among FLES teachers as the program expands; and recalibration of Middle School curriculum for 2019. There were many questions and positive comments from members of both school committees.

3) Adjournment at 7:19 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Davis