

**KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022-7:00PM  
KING PHILIP REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - LIBRARY**

**1. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**2. DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS:**

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azcr, Ms. Snead, Miss Lewis (HS Student Council Rep.)

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Anyone interested in commenting on an agenda item during the meeting or making a statement during the public comment period is asked to complete an information card and hand it to Mrs. Venessa Petit, School Committee Secretary.

**4. CONSENT ITEMS:**

*All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the committee so requests, in which event the item will be considered in its normal sequence:*

-Payment of Bills/Warrants A.R.

**6. STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT**

Student Council Report: Miss Lewis

I.O.

**6. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

-District Update I.O.  
-Late Bus Update I.O.  
-School Website Update I.O.  
-Vaccine Clinic I.O.  
-Correspondence RE: Macktaz Field I.O.  
-Google Classroom for shared school committee documents I.O.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

-School Committee Goals A.R.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Ward I.O.  
Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis I.O.  
Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney I.O.

**10. LATE COMMUNICATIONS**

**11. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**12. RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

A.R.

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

**King Philip Regional School Committee  
September 19, 2022 Minutes-Approved  
King Philip Regional High School-Library  
201 Franklin Street, Wrentham MA 02093**

**OPENING OF MEETING:**

Mr. Knott, Chair, opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

**RECORDING OF MEETING:**

This meeting was recorded by Wrentham Cable 8.

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

**Members Present:**

Norfolk:	Ms. Jennifer Wynn, Mr. Eric Harmon
Plainville:	Mr. Christopher Brenneis, Mr. Bruce Cates (arrived 7:03pm)
Wrentham:	Mr. Trevor Knott, Ms. Erin Greney; Mr. Marc Waxman

**Members Absent:**

Norfolk:	Mr. Jim Lehan
Plainville:	Mr. Greg Wehmeyer
Wrentham:	Present

**DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS:**

Mr. Zinni, Dr. Gilson, Mr. Azer, Ms. Snead, Ms. Lewis (Stuco), Mr. Bois

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mr. Knott reviewed the procedure for public comment.. One public comment was made. Ms. Joanna McFarlane from Wrentham addressed the committee in regards to Grade 9 English Curriculum.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

All items listed in the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion if action is required.

- Approval of Minutes-None
- Payment of Bills/Warrants
- Communication - None

- A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Cates, to approve the payment of warrants and bills. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (6): Mr. Waxman, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Knott, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon; No (0); Abstain (1-Brennis). Motion carried: 6-0-1.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:**

The HS Student Council Report was read into the Minutes by Ms. Lewis.

## **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**

### **School Website Update**

Mr. Zinni gave a recap of the school website. Last year the new website was launched. The goal was to try to make this website a user friendly website with lots of information on it. Since that time we have not received any feedback on the website. Mr. Harmon shared at one time that it was difficult to navigate on your phone. Mr. Knott had shared over the summer with Mr. Zinni that it was difficult to find information on the calendar. As it was explored further, we did find additional problems with the calendar and Mr. Bois has since changed the calendar to a different calendar that is more user friendly. The only other comment that was passed to Mr. Zinni was that some people were having trouble with the bus routes and late bus information. Mr. Zinni said the late bus information was on the website prior to the pandemic. He did not realize that the late bus information was taken down because there were no late buses during the pandemic. Mr. Zinni made reference to this in a letter that was sent home. When the error was discovered we immediately got some information up on the website and through newsletters. As far as bus routes go, those were posted a week before school started and there are only two clicks on the website to get there. Transportation page and bus list. Mr. Zinni said if people have specific issues that they would like us to have addressed or look at, we would be happy to do so. More specific feedback would be very helpful to have when we meet with the website designer.

Mr. Bois addressed the committee and answered a few questions from the committee. Mr. Harmon said he appreciated the calendar update and it is much better. Mr. Harmon said he could not find the "search" button on the mobile application. Mr. Harmon also stated when you search for clubs/sports that they are not easily found. Mr. Knott explained that the new version makes it easier to find the athletics button, which was a huge improvement. Mr. Knott asked Mr. Bois about responsive design. Mr. Bois explained our particular website is basically a template to adapt to the device itself. The website is clearly designed to use as a desktop. Ms. Greaney questioned the calendar syncing. Mr. Bois relies on the company for web design. An overview of the website was given to the committee on a ClearTouch screen. Ms. Wynn suggested sending out a survey to help us understand what you cannot find on the website. Mr. Bois said when we have done surveys in the past, the time it takes to go through some of the data is very time consuming. We need to have an actual narrative.

Mr. Knott explained that this is not a website issue but a process issue of how the information gets cascaded to the website from all the stakeholders from both schools. Mr. Zinni explained that the thought process was to put the things that were searched for the most and were put at the top of the website such as calendar, links, student handbook, program of studies for both buildings, upcoming events. Down below are departments with a description of what is found under each of those. Athletics, Facilities, Food Services, Guidance, Human Resources, School Committee, Technology, Transition and Transportation. We tried to think of what were the things people went to most frequently on the website and made those a single click to get you to the page. Accessible and available in multiple locations.

Mr. Cates asked if something is not working for this district, what is working for other districts.

Mr. Knott, would like to see a survey done to see what the feedback is on the website. Mr. Zinni encouraged the public to contact us directly and not through social media sites.

Mr. Knott formally introduced Ms. Wynn, representative from Norfolk to the school committee.

#### **Correspondence regarding Macktaz Field:**

Mr. Knott read a correspondence from Mr. Bill Rice regarding the donation of the new sign on the Macktaz Field. Mr. Knott thanked Mr. Rice for writing the letter and Dr. Mobley and Mr. Zahner and everyone else involved in making this happen. Mr. Brennis asked about when the smaller sign is completed if/when the committee could see the display. Mr. Cates asked if there were any actions from the committee needed on this? Mr. Zinni said the school committee approved the donation initially last school year.

#### **Late Bus**

Mr. Zinni said the late bus schedule is now on the website. The late bus will begin on September 20, 2022. Mr. Zinni thanked Mr. Azer for working with the bus company to make this happen. We have not had the late bus in two years due to the pandemic. After school activities and after school homework help are opening up for anyone who needs to access it.

#### **Vaccination clinic**

Mr. Zinni said the vaccination clinic was hosted on September 13, 2022 at the middle school. Mr. Zinni thanked Ms. Pearl who has organized all of these events. The school resource officers were there with their service dogs. It is nice to have them help out with some of the children who have anxiety. Every option of the Covid-19 vaccine option was made available at this clinic.

#### **Google classroom**

Mr. Zinni said based on the last couple of meetings, Ms. Petit has been working on a repository for documents that the committee may want to periodically access. This is in the very early stages. Mr. Zinni asked if members had anything they would like to reference from time to time to let Ms. Petit know and she can add that document to the Google classroom. These types of documents would include items such as strategic planning, school committee goals. Ms. Wynn asked if this would include agendas. Mr. Zinni explained that the agendas are found on the King Philip Webpage under the school committee section. This repository would be for documents that you would periodically reference. Ms. Petit will be sharing this with all school committee members very soon.

#### **“Send Silence Packing”**

Mr. Zinni on behalf of Ms. Pearl, shared the video “Send Silence Packing” with members of the school committee. This event was held today, September 19, 2022 and was well attended. The video showed all the backpacks on the football field. Each of the bags represented a life lost to suicide. In addition to each bag there was a story that went along with that life. Active Minds has an organization that brings this demonstration around the country. Mr. Zinni explained that the bags were part of the demonstration and were from people from all around the country. We have a student chapter called “Active Minds” at the high school. This is a group of students who want to help all of their peers understand mental health issues better. To recognize that mental health issues are not a stigma but something we need to support

each other about. Mr. Matt Kelley is one of the key students involved this year. He and his sister suggested to put all the suicide prevention information on our student identification cards. Ms. Pearl shared with Mr. Zinni that King Philip students from 50 classes visited the display throughout the day. English teachers shared information prior to coming out to help students in deciding if they preferred to opt out. About 1000-1200 students attended. Mr. Kelley applied directly to this national company Send Silence Packing and North Attleboro applied as well but only one high school in the state was awarded. Because North Attleboro was also going after this presentation as well, we were able to invite North Attleboro to this event. Ms. Pearl worked with Dr. Mobley and the principal from North Attleboro High. North Attleboro had a bus come over three times during the day with roughly 130 students. We reached out to Riverside Counseling to make sure we had clinicians on site while this is a very powerful exhibit we recognize there may be some students that are impacted strongly when participating in something like this and we wanted to make sure that both all of our counselors and other professionals were available should there be any need for anyone to requiring additional support.

### **Football**

Mr. Zinni explained multiple correspondence were sent out regarding the expectation that any student under high school age would come with a responsible adult because we have hundreds of kids at this event. It is impossible to manage all of them and when they are not high school students our high school staff who staff our game do not know who these kids are. They are not able to reign them in when they can not call them by name. Mr. Zinni greeted guests at a recent game and noted adults were bringing in large groups of kids and not monitoring them. We had adults that came in one gate and went out another gate leaving their kids behind. There should not have been as many students as we had after the game waiting for 20-25 minutes to be picked up. These were not high school students. We have issues with these students not going into the bleachers and actually watching the game. The road between the building and the bleachers, loads of kids throwing anything from footballs to open water bottles with the water splashing out to wet everyone there including staff members who are trying to tell them to stop, and horse play. We feel that this is a high school student activity that we strongly support. We want this to be a community activity, and want all kids to be included but in fact, we cannot do that safely if we do not have the adult support of those kids.

### **Homecoming**

Mr. Zinni reported that the homecoming event was open to all grades, first come first serve, first 600 tickets because we needed to be prepared for an indoor event. The good news was that we did not need to have an indoor event. Dr. Mobley put out information that we are watching the weather and when we felt comfortable with the forecast she opened it up to another 150 tickets and those sold out as well. People who registered online went on a waitlist. Dr. Mobley was able to get additional adults to be at the event and thus took in everyone on the waitlist. We had just about 860 kids on the field. Mr. Zinni thanked the Wrentham Police Department for their support for both the football game and homecoming dance, our administrators and teachers. Mr. Brenneis thanked everyone involved who helped out with this event. It was no small feat. Mr. Knott added this was a monumental success to have that kind of interest in an event like this. Ms. Sneed also commented on the number of significant businesses that donated to the event. Mr. Zinni thanked Ms. Sneed for all of her help with this as well.

### Mascot:

Mr. Knott informed the committee and the audience that there has been some very strange commentary to the contrary about the name of our school and the name of our mascot. To be clear to everyone we are the King Philip School District and we are the King Philip Warriors.

### Unfinished Business

#### School Committee Goals

Mr. Knott recapped that the committee was good with most of the goals at the last school committee meeting. There were a few things that Mr. Zinni was going to rework. Mr. Zinni then reviewed the changes.

- **A Motion was made by Mr. Harmon, seconded by Mr. Waxman, to approve and accept the school committee goals as reviewed tonight with revisions as discussed on benchmark 4a and 5c that have been amended on the working draft. All in favor by roll call vote: Yes (7): Mr. Waxman, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Knott, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon; Mr. Brenneis; Ms. Wynn No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 7-0-0.**

### NEW BUSINESS:

None

### REPORTS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- Norfolk School Committee Representative: Ms. Wynn informed the committee that most positions are filled in the Norfolk elementary district. A feasibility study will be done however no bids were made at this time. A building subcommittee was formed.
- Plainville School Committee Representative: Mr. Brenneis informed the committee there were no updates at this time. Plainville has now moved to monthly school committee meetings.
- Wrentham School Committee Representative: Ms. Greaney informed the committee the Roderick Elementary School has a lot of building issues. Decisions will need to be made as to fix the problems or rebuild the school.

### LATE COMMUNICATIONS:

None

### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None

### RECOMMENDATIONS OR QUESTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- At 8:29pm, a Motion was made by Mr. Cates, seconded by Mr. Harmon, to adjourn. All in favor: Yes (7): Mr. Waxman, Ms. Greaney, Mr. Knott, Mr. Cates, Mr. Harmon; Mr. Brenneis; Ms. Wynn No (0); Abstain (0). Motion carried: 7-0-0.

Mr. Knott adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mrs. Venessa Petit*

*Administrative Assistant to the School Committee*

**Documents presented on September 19, 2022**

Agenda

Warrants

Student Council Report

KPRSC Goals 2022-2023



# King Philip High School School Committee Report

Submitted by Addison Lewis

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September 19, 2022

## School Wide

On Saturday September 17th, Student Council held homecoming on the turf. There were light up swings, a cotton candy machine, a popcorn machine, and a photo booth! We had over 15 teachers chaperone, and over 700 students attend.

All students are back to their school routines, it's like they never left!

## Sports

The fall sports teams are back to their busy schedule and are in full swing!

To get up to date information regarding scheduling check Arbiter Live and search for King Philip.

## Fine and Performing Arts

### Music

The Marching Band held a preview of their 2022 show, Kaleidoscope, on Sunday, September 18, at 6pm on the turf field and complimentary chili and snacks were provided by the KPMA.

### Drama and Gaps

KP Drama & GAPS held their first organizational meeting of the year on Thursday, Sept. 8th in the Grady Auditorium. Over fifty students attended the meeting with Mrs. Taddeo-DeCoste, Mr. Alling, and Mr. Ferreira. Students were introduced to the year's upcoming shows, the dark comedy *Pandemonium*, which will be performed Dec. 9th & 10th, and the musical *Chicago*, which will be performed May 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2023. Students attending the meeting were enrolled in the Drama/GAPS Google Classroom and the Remind app and were directed to register for auditions the week of September 19th. Results of the auditions will be published by Monday, September 26th.

GAPS has already been hard at work providing tech support for a myriad of events such as Van Pool's safety meetings, the Norfolk Elementary Schools intro faculty meeting at the middle school, the first DECA Parent Orientation night and, of course, this year's KP school committee meetings.

## **Clubs**

Over the past couple of weeks, clubs have been holding meetings, which new and returning members have been attending.

### **Active Minds**

Active Minds held a Sent Silence Packing today, Monday, September 19. It was an exhibit which include stories from individuals, who have lost a loved one due to suicide. It's designed to connect individuals to mental health resources and inspire action for suicide prevention. Students visited the display during English Class.

### **Peer Mentoring**

A meeting with just mentors will take place on September 14th. The first full-social event will be taking place on September 28th.

### **Senior Class**

The senior class will be holding a car wash on Saturday, September 24th from 9am-1pm in the bus loop to raise money for their prom funds.

### **KP Cares**

KP Cares put up a new bulletin board, which allowed students to write what they are most excited for this school year.

### **Student Council**

Student Council planned a homecoming spirit week to get everyone excited for homecoming! The themes included neon, denim, red, white, and blue, tourist day, and green and gold!

Freshman elections will be held on September 28 over zoom this year. Representatives will be elected for both Student Council and Student Government. Students will create a video, which will be played in front of their class, and their classmates will vote!

Follow the following social media accounts--@kpcares, @kpstuco, @kphighschool, @kphsathletics and Arbiter Live for sports schedules.



## **Vision**

The King Philip Regional School District inspires students to develop their passions and prepares them to succeed in a world of rapid and constant change.

## **Mission**

The mission of the King Philip Regional School District is to provide an educational community where students come first and have the opportunity to achieve to their fullest potential.

This will be accomplished by fostering a climate of respect, individual and collective responsibility, creativity, and enthusiasm for learning.

The King Philip Regional School District will ensure a safe, caring, and supportive environment that balances academic rigor with the development of character and a strong sense of self.

## **Guiding Belief**

We believe that students have the potential to achieve all of their aspirations when they are in an environment that does not marginalize.

Imagine an environment where every student has a champion, a voice and the supports needed to overcome their challenges and achieve their aspirations.

# King Philip Regional School Committee Goals 2022 – 2023

District Goal 1	Ensure rigorous and relevant 7-12 curricula that fosters active engagement and depth of understanding	Target Date	Status
<b>School Committee Actions for Goal 1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review data on educational programs on an ongoing basis. Use the evaluated data to determine budgetary needs to support continuous growth and improvement.</li> <li>2. Review data on special programs, grants, and initiatives.</li> <li>3. Monitor progress on district and state assessments.</li> <li>4. Continue to support (through budget and policy) staff, administrative, and community initiatives that demonstrate the district's willingness to be a state and national education innovator.</li> <li>5. Continue to support (through budget and policy) high quality, diverse, and rigorous program offerings that provide ongoing challenges and opportunities to students throughout their learning careers.</li> </ol>		
<b>School Committee Benchmarks for Goal 1</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The School Committee will review budgetary recommendations for the fiscal year to support curriculum and instructional needs or/and changes.</li> <li>b. The School Committee will review reports on special programs, grants, and initiatives on an ongoing basis.</li> <li>c. The School Committee will review district and state assessment data on an annual basis.</li> <li>d. The School Committee will encourage presentations that highlight the benefits of programs and the achievements of students and staff on an ongoing basis.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Winter 2023</li> <li>b. On-going</li> <li>c. Fall 2022</li> <li>d. On-going</li> </ol>	Status

District Goal 2	Develop a supportive learning community through a social emotional learning (SEL) initiative to encourage the healthy development of all students.	
School Committee Actions for Goal 2	Target Date	Status
<p data-bbox="380 1560 423 2032"><b>School Committee Benchmarks for Goal 2</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="380 674 521 1560">1. Review the administration's recommended action plan to implement a comprehensive social emotional framework.</li> <li data-bbox="521 674 867 1560">2. Continue to foster a district-wide climate that encourages inclusion and promotes tolerance.</li> </ol>	<p data-bbox="380 86 423 384">Target Date</p> <p data-bbox="423 86 521 384">a. On-going</p> <p data-bbox="521 86 748 384">b. Fall 2022 &amp; Spring 2023</p> <p data-bbox="748 86 1000 384">c. On-going</p>
<p data-bbox="1000 1560 1044 2032"><b>School Committee Benchmarks for Goal 2</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1000 674 1192 1560">a. The School Committee will review administration's recommended SEL action plan (with any budget implications), to implement a comprehensive social emotional framework.</li> <li data-bbox="1192 674 1354 1560">b. The school committee will schedule bi-annual presentations from the Director of Wellness and the School Committee Representative and will support recommendations through the budget process.</li> <li data-bbox="1354 674 1572 1560">c. The School Committee will support the DEI Subcommittee by reviewing progress updates and will act on their recommendations as appropriate.</li> </ol>	<p data-bbox="1000 86 1044 384">Target Date</p> <p data-bbox="1044 86 1192 384">a. On-going</p> <p data-bbox="1192 86 1354 384">b. Fall 2022 &amp; Spring 2023</p> <p data-bbox="1354 86 1572 384">c. On-going</p>

District Goal 3	Grow and sustain a mutually supportive and trusting relationship with stakeholder groups for the benefit of the mission and vision of the KPRSD and sustain a positive connection with and among the community at large.	
School Committee Actions for Goal 3	Target Date	Status
<p><b>School Committee Benchmarks for Goal 3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Members will support and promote King Philip in the community, such as through attendance at community as well as school-sponsored events and meetings.</li> <li>b. Members will come to School Committee meetings adequately prepared to discuss matters under consideration, for the benefit of informing and serving the public.</li> <li>c. Members will understand and advocate for the District's Strategic Plan and periodically review progress against the plan.</li> <li>d. <b>All current and future school committee members will attend the training that is required by the state.</b></li> <li>e. <b>The school committee will schedule and participate in two to three professional development opportunities.</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. On-going</li> <li>b. On-going</li> <li>c. On-going</li> <li>d. On-going</li> <li>e. Fall, Winter, Spring 2022-2023</li> </ol>	<p>Status</p>

District Goal 4	Provide and enhance the integration of technology resources available to staff and students.	
	Target Date	Status
<b>School Committee Actions for Goal 4</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the administration's needs assessment to assist in the creation of district wide vision for technology integration.</li> <li>2. Review the administration's recommended action plan to implement a District Technology Plan to support the mission, goals, and objectives of the district.</li> <li>3. <b>Work with school administration to explore the possibility of revitalizing the high school library into a modern media center.</b></li> </ol>	
<b>School Committee Benchmarks for Goal 4</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The School Committee will review and support budgetary recommendations as related to space issues at both the middle and high school.</li> </ol>	On-going  Status

District Goal 5			Develop and sustain effective and efficient use of resources to focus on continuous improvement, support student learning, and fiscal responsibility.	
School Committee Actions for Goal 5	Target Date	Status		
<p>1. Present a FY 2023 budget that supports the district's vision, mission, and goals – including student achievement, safety, and staff development – while allocating and managing expenditures consistent with district and school-level goals and available resources.</p> <p>2. Continue to invite member town administrators, finance committee members, and elementary district leadership to all budget discussions and share information on a regular basis; strive to ensure KP is invited to appropriate town budget discussions.</p> <p>3. Continue to present budget information in a way that is easily digestible for constituents that are not familiar with the budget process.</p> <p>4. Continue to improve the budgeting process from initial requests through seeking approval at town meetings, working with a transparent “no surprise” attitude.</p> <p>5. Continue to drive operational efficiencies to maximize expenditures with direct impact on teaching and learning.</p>				
School Committee Benchmarks for Goal 5	Target Date	Status		
<p>a. Members should attend meetings to fully understand budget dynamics and programs they support, so to be able advocate for responsible budgets to the community.</p> <p>b. School Committee will do its due diligence in reviewing budget recommendations and approving and advocating for a responsible FY 2023 budget for the district.</p> <p>c. Invite selectmen and members of the finance committee from the three towns to appropriate KP School Committee and Finance Subcommittee meetings.</p> <p>d. Set calendar for public budget meetings and distribute to member town officials.</p> <p>e. The school committee will work collaboratively with the school administration and various staff associations to create and approve updated job descriptions.</p>	<p>a. On-going</p> <p>b. Winter/Spring 2023</p> <p>c. Winter 2023</p> <p>d. Fall 2022</p> <p>e. Fall 2022</p>			





Venessa Petit <petitv@kingphilip.org>

**Re: New sign on Macktaz Field.**

1 message

Paul Zinni <zinnip@kingphilip.org>

To: Bill Rice <bill\_rice\_ma@msn.com>

Cc: Venessa Petit <petitv@kingphilip.org>

Fri, Sep 9, 2022 at 2:14 PM

Thank you Bill. This will be read during the correspondence section of the next school committee meeting.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Sep 8, 2022 at 5:44 PM Bill Rice <bill\_rice\_ma@msn.com> wrote:

Hello,

Today the new sign was placed on the press box at Macktaz Field. It looks impressive. We have enough money left over that we are also purchasing a smaller welcome sign for Macktaz Field that also describes who Arnie Macktaz was. I would like to thank Joe Zahner for all of his work on this project. Joe and I talked a few times, went out and looked at the sight and then we developed a plan. Joe did a first class job and it was greatly appreciated. Also, I would like to thank Dr. Mobley for her support on this project. We talked several times about the importance of remembering the past.

I would like to mention the process that I went through to get this done. There was a beautiful Green and Gold sign on the press box on the old field. It was removed when the field was done over as part of the building project. No one ever thought about putting it back up or getting a new sign for the new field. Getting a new sign is something I should have gotten done a few years ago. I finally got around to it and let some of his old colleagues know about a new sign and they were very excited about it. I reached out to the school and was told I would have to go to a School Committee meeting to get this accepted. I was looking forward to going and addressing the Committee about who Arnie Macktaz was.

In the meantime I contacted Jeff Plympton Sr., who is the Chairman of the KP Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. The HOF generously donated \$1600 for the project. I did contact the Supt's. Office to be placed on a School Committee agenda. I was told that I did not need to go to the School Committee Meeting.

I did watch the School Committee Meeting a few days later and I realized that it was too bad that I was not there to tell the Committee who Arnie Macktaz was and what he meant to KP. I was very disturbed when one of the Committee Members questioned if the validity of the name of the field had been checked. The Field has been Macktaz Field for well over thirty years!! I realize we are now in the present and I fully understand what it takes to operate a school district in this day and age. However, we can not forget the past, as there were many teachers and students who helped form the foundation of what KP is today. I see the importance of the past when I host Class Reunion Tours of the new building as part of reunion week ends. The people are very happy to return and talk about what KP has meant to them. I did one these this summer for the Class of 1971 and I am doing one Oct. 1 for the Class of 1972. I have done about 12 tours so far and it started with the Class of 1958 in 2008, as this was the first class to graduate from KP.

I would request that this communication be read at the next School Committee during the public comment period. If anybody has any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. The King Philip School District obviously means a great deal to me as it has been a big part of my life, starting as a student and then working for the District in a variety of positions over thirty-five years.

Thank you,

Bill Rice

Sent from Outlook