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ASC Kindergarten Advisory Approved Minutes

Arlington School Committee Kindergarten Advisory Committee
Wednesday, April 4, 2012 7:15 p.m.

Minutes Approved April 24, 2012

Attendance:

Committee: Brendan O'Day, Dolores McGee, Farhana Riaz, ~Ruthellyn Jacob, Julie Dunn, Deb D'Amico, Bill Hayner
(Julie Dunn was not able to attend)

- Meeting started at 7:15
- Approve March 20, 2012 minutes
- Public Participation
 - a. Stephen Harrington – per pupil expenditure, Attachment #1, explained that the figure that the school charges is too high based on that the fee includes expenses not related to kindergarten program such as teacher retirement and the cost of high school and middle school are included.
 - b. Sarah Hugenberger - shared that there are many parents that would opt for a half day kindergarten and provided comments from several parents, Attachment #2.
 - c. Tom Davison – shared similar information that he brought before budget committee earlier this year. Quoted the CFO that there are many ways to determine the per pupil cost, Attachments #3 and #4.
 - d. Kirsi Allison-Ampe – shared information from DESE and how they calculate the foundation budget and ½ day kindergarten that is required, full day kindergarten is required for those having a directed education plan, special education, Attachment #5.
- 4. Committee members report on their progress:
 - a. Brendan – reported on meeting with Marty Thrope. Intention to eventually go to free full time kindergarten, Attachment #6.
 - b. Dolores and Ruthellyn – Programs with statistics, Attachment #7.
 - c. Farhana – Stay within directives, Attachments, #8, #9, #10.
 - d. Bill – continuing to define the towns that are comparable with Arlington.
- 5. There was some discussion that resulted in seeking to have the CFO come and clarify funding and how the kindergarten fee is determined. Bill will gather questions and share them with her and invite her to attend our next meeting.

6. The next meeting will be on 4/24 7:15

7. Meeting adjourned at 9:07