

SUMMARY OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 14, 2020 - ONLINE MEETING

Documents Used At Meeting:

- [Middle School Schedule Presentation](#) (For Discussion)
- [High School Program of Studies Changes](#) (For Approval)
- [WEEFC Grant](#) (For Approval)
- Meeting Minutes (For Approval)
 - [12/07](#)

Opening: Presiding, Mr. Henry reviews the agenda and new procedures for public comments.

Major Business:

- Dr. Connolly discusses BinaxNOW COVID-19 testing program and other testing matters.
- Dr. Connolly thanked the Middle School Wellness Staff for organizing the Turkey Trot.
- Dr. Connolly also shared another instrument orchestra video from the Music Department.
- Ms. Stewart gave SEPAC updates; Ms. Muzila gave Diversity, Equity, Inclusion updates; Ms. Muzila gave Sustainability updates; and Ms. Jenkins gave updates from BMWPO.
- One community member gave public comments about mask-breaks being held indoors.
- Dr. Connolly discusses ongoing pandemic response, and medical privacy restrictions on what the district can share publicly. She also highlights testing, contact tracing, and the role of school nurses. She suggests families to contact their school nurse for information.
- MS Principal John Gibbons & Assistant Principal Philip Oates shared planned changes to the MS schedule. Changes reinforce safety, includes all core academic courses each day, and allows for live simulcasting in person classes to hybrid model students at home.
 - Committee members asked several questions, made comments. School leaders responded to questions and comments as they continued to detail the changes.
- HS Principal Paul Peri introduced changes to programs of study for World Languages, English, Science, and Mathematics. Committee members expressed hesitation towards changes to the English program. Ms. Lemons, HS English Department Head, discussed the proposed changes to tenth grade honors english sections with committee members.
 - The World Languages, Science, and Math program changes were approved 5-0.
 - The English program changes were not voted on and will likely be revised further.
- Assistant Superintendent Matthews discussed the 2021-22 budget with the committee.
- Committee voted to reappoint Dr. Connolly to the EDCO Collaborative Advisory Board.
- Committee voted to approve a \$5000 WEEFC grant to host an author for K-3 students.
- Committee voted to approve 12/07/2020 minutes; and voted to approve regular warrant.
- Before adjournment, the committee offers to respond to unanswered questions and comments offline. Additional questions can be sent to SchoolCommittee@Weston.org.