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SUMMARY OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ONLINE MEETING - 2/23/2021 - 7:00 P.M.

Zoom Link: [Westonorg.zoom.us/j/94015330088](https://westonorg.zoom.us/j/94015330088)

Full Recording: [Weston.vod.castus.tv/vod/](https://weston.vod.castus.tv/vod/) (Find timestamps for each section in parentheses)

Documents Used At Meeting:

- [Superintendent's Presentation re: Expansion of In-Person Learning](#)
- [EDCO Dissolution Letter](#)
- [Town Report Section](#)
- [WEEFC Grants](#)

Opening: Presiding, Mr. Henry reviews the agenda, including extra time for public comments. He expressed his concerns on ongoing challenges, and responded to a recently received letter.

- Dr. Connolly highlighted recent student achievements in art, athletics, writing, and [Music](#).
- Ms. Muzila encouraged more families to make [WEEFC](#) donations to support enrichment.
- Ms. Stewart discussed [SEPAC](#), promoting two upcoming speaker events they're hosting.
- Ms. Johnson promoted an upcoming virtual [BWMPO fundraiser 4 P.M. Saturday, Feb 27](#).

Major Business

- Dr. Connolly contextualizes ongoing challenges with hybrid learning, and shares survey data from students and families regarding the continued expansion of in-person learning.
 - This [FAQ page](#) provides similar background information on current conditions.
 - Presentation slides, including student/family survey results and more [posted here](#).
- Dr. Connolly discusses current priorities regarding hybrid learning, and she introduces the district's most-recent proposals for changes. Key points from current proposals are summarized below, but may be subject to change from negotiations and for public health.
 - **On March 1**, plans to change the WHS schedule to match WMS (8:30am - 1pm). Secondary students will attend alternate Wednesdays in person, w/ existing cohorts.
 - **On March 15**, plans to bring all hybrid students (PK-12) in person 5 days a week. That does not include lunch changes or extension of the school day beyond 1pm.
 - **On April 5**, plans to extend elementary (PK-5) school days to 2:20pm w/ lunch. That does not include lunch or scheduling changes for secondary schools (6-12).
- Community members (both parents and students) gave public comment on the proposal.
- Ass't. Superintendent Matthews summarized the updated budget proposal for FY 2022.
 - Per 2/8 budget hearings, update lowered proposed increase from 2.79% to 2.12%.
- Committee unanimously approved the dissolution of the *EDCO Collaborative*.
- Committee unanimously approved hiring an administrator's child as a part-time Learning Assistant.
- Committee unanimously approved five WEEFC Grants, as well as a regular warrant.

The next school committee meeting will be held at 7 P.M. on Monday, March 8, 2021. Thank you.