

SUMMARY OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE ONLINE MEETING - March 22 2021

Documents Used At Meeting

- [Policy JDB](#): Transgender and Gender-nonconforming Students (For Discussion and Vote)
- [Policy ADA](#): Gender-Neutral District Goals and Objectives (For Discussion and Vote)
- [WEEFC Grants](#) (For Discussion and Vote)
- [2/23 Meeting Minutes](#) (For Discussion and Vote)

Opening Business Mr. Henry, presiding as Chair, introduces attendees and reviews the agenda.

Major Business:

- Dr. Connolly congratulates students for various competitive extracurricular achievements
- Ms. Muzila shares that Weston hired its first sustainability coordinator; starts this month.
- Ms. Stewart discusses [SE PAC](#), and promotes their [facebook page](#) for parents to follow.
- Ms. Johnson discusses [BWMPO](#) events and shares takeaways from meeting with [PTO](#).
- Committee members, WPS administrators, and guests from the Massachusetts School Nurses Organization and Dept. of Public Health came together in honor of Middle School Nurse Denise Schwerzler, who was awarded “Massachusetts School Nurse of the Year.”
- Committee members approved new Policy JDB, (text linked above), discussed March 8.
- Committee members approved small updates to existing Policy ADA discussed March 8.
- Dr. Connolly provided updates regarding reopening secondary schools without cohorts, with students now in five days per week. She thanks teachers for their bravery returning.
 - She also emphasizes the importance of remaining responsible with public health guidelines outside of school, and asks us to avoid unmasked indoor gatherings.
 - Dr. Carter warns that other districts have faced closures due to indoor gatherings.
- Ms. Raman adds that many students and parents feel uneasy about coming all-in, and she thanks them for their trusting the district to keep the community safe in the schools.
- Ms. Muzila asks about pickup/dropoff traffic. Dr. Connolly explains that it may improve somewhat, but families should continue to expect 10 minute backups on Wellesley St during peak pickup times. More daily bus ridership could reduce the traffic congestion.
- Mr. Henry invites public comment from community members and heard two comments:
 - One commenter asked about pooled testing, which has just launched. [Families can and should still register for pooled testing. please click here for more details.](#)
 - One commenter asked about lunch in school and extension of the school day later into the afternoon. The current goal is for K-5 lunches to start on April 5 and 6-12 lunches to start April 28. Eaten outdoors unless there is inclement weather.
- Committee members approved the Pencil-Tips Tutoring club (Advisor is Ms. Orenstein).
- Committee members approved meeting minutes and a regular warrant for \$1,816,821.34
- Committee members approved five WEEFC grants for a total of \$30,850.74 altogether.
- Committee members entered *Executive session* to discuss collective bargaining matters.