SUMMARY OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 07, 2020 - ONLINE MEETING

Documents Used At Meeting:

- High School Report (For Discussion)
- Initial Budget Presentation (For Discussion)
- Meeting Minutes from 11/23 (For approval)

Opening: Presiding, Ms. Raman reviews the agenda and new procedures for public comments.

Major Business:

- Dr. Connolly shared WPS plans to continue in-person learning as much as possible, following guidance from the Board of Health. She also spoke on a new testing program.
- Dr. Connolly also shared a string instrument orchestra video from the Music Department.
- Ms. Stewart shared that the PTO is collecting gifts for teachers and running a fundraiser. They are also looking for more members, click here for more information on joining PTO.
- Dr. Connolly discussed the recent school closings and all-remote days, adding additional details. WHS and the district have taken steps, including hiring, to address the issues.
- Dr. Carter spoke to recent changes in the high school schedule during all-remote days.
- Families traveling for the holidays should work with their school(s) to follow state and local public health procedures, and contact their school nurse if they have any questions.
- High School Principal Peri, Assistant Principal Flynn, Athletics Director McGrath, and Guidance Director Schay each made brief presentations on their various areas of focus; committee members responded to administrators with follow up questions or comments.
- Dr. Connolly shared more details regarding the Middle School creating a new schedule
- Dr. Connolly reminded families that students need documentation of flu-shots by 12/31, and the documentation can be dropped off at the school or emailed to the school nurse.
- Mr. Cobb and Assistant Superintendent Matthews spoke on the annual budget process, which includes public budget hearings on January 25, 28 (4 PM) and February 8 (7 PM).
- The committee discussed budgeting considerations, including stakeholder perspectives.
- Dr. Connolly shared that the district will be surveying families about enrollment planning.
- Committee selected Shirley Small-Rougeau to be appointed to the Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee.
- Committee approved meeting minutes from 11/23 and regular warrant for $1,250,512.82.
- Committee discusses scheduling the next meeting, and agrees to meet on 12/14/2020.
- Committee discusses public comment periods compared to question & answer periods.
- Dr. Connolly agrees to work with HS Principal Peri to host a public forum for HS families.