

**Wellesley Public Schools
School Committee Town Meeting Preparation
April 5, 2022
Wellesley Middle School—Superintendent’s Conference Room**

The meeting was called to order at 5:01pm. Those present included Chair Catherine Mirick, Vice Chair Linda Chow, Secretary Leda Eizenberg and members Melissa Martin and Craig Mack. Also present were Superintendent David Lussier, Assistant Superintendent Cynthia Mahr, and Assistant Superintendent Sandra Trach.

Ms. Mirick announced that community members were welcome to access the meeting through the comment line.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Eizenberg opened the call-in line. No one was present for Public Comment.

REPORTS

Dr. Lussier reported that he, Ms. Mirick, and Ms. Chow had been interviewing Public Engagement Firms and are considering next steps with regards to hiring and procurement. He also shared that the PTSO/METCO meeting would have to be rescheduled to April 26 because of Town Meeting.

Ms. Chow shared that there was possible interest in a joint meeting between the Natural Resources Commission and the School Committee on Thursday, April 28.

Ms. Mirick shared that the Hunnewell neighbors meeting is currently scheduled for April 25 at 6pm.

Ms. Martin shared that the 90% design meeting for Hardy with SMMA and scope sign off would be scheduled for a date in May.

TOWN MEETING PREPARATION

Ms. Mirick provided an update on Article 44. The motion being put forth is still unclear. It was determined that the idea of a meeting between parents and the Committee to address issues of academic excellence was outside the four corners of the article.

Ms. Chow and Ms. Martin updated the Committee on the status of the position statement they have been drafting. Since the statement was quite lengthy and read more like a white paper, they did not share a draft but instead talked at a high level about the key concepts that would be covered, including the reaffirmation of the WPS Core Values and Profile of a Graduate. In further preparation for the conversation on Academic Excellence, the Committee discussed the educational philosophy of the district, as reflected in the Core Values and Profile of a Graduate. The forthcoming strategic plan will further engage the community on these values and detail their practice. Ms. Trach explained the ways in which the district’s commitment to

Equity and Excellence is being practiced by educators. The Committee affirmed its commitment to community engagement and communication, and discussed ways the community can access the schools and Committee/

Adjournment

MOVED Mr. Mack; SECONDED Ms. Eizenberg.

Motion Carried unanimously