

**Wellesley Public Schools  
School Committee Retreat  
April 13, 2021  
Superintendent's Conference Room - Wellesley Middle School**

The meeting was called to order at 9:10am. Those present included Chair Linda Chow, Vice Chair Melissa Martin, Secretary Catherine Mirick, members Leda Eizenberg and Jim Roberti; and Superintendent David Lussier.

A conference call line was open for any members of the public who wished to attend and remained open throughout the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Prock, WPS parent discussed his concerns regarding the WHS Advisory presentation by the Young Ethnic Scholars student group.

**ORIENTATION / NORMS & EXPECTATIONS**

Ms. Chow welcomed Ms. Eizenberg and Ms. Mirick to their first School Committee Retreat as members of the Committee. Lyle Kirtman of Future Management Systems joined the board (via Zoom) and helped to facilitate a discussion on individual styles and values and how understanding those can help a group work well together and move through disagreements should they arise.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS & DEVELOPMENT**

The Committee discussed whether it should have its own goals in addition to the WPS District Goals and if so, what they should be. Ideas included communications plans, follow through on our Anti-Racism Resolution and a more formal onboarding process for new members. It was also discussed that work needs to begin on reviewing our policy manual and our school handbooks through a racial equity lens.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Committee reviewed current assignments and discussed possible changes to take place over the summer.

**DRAFT BUDGET PRESENTATION FOR ATM**

The Committee previewed the draft budget presentation for Annual Town Meeting and made suggestions for clarity. The Committee was also provided with and discussed preliminary enrollment numbers in relation to the budget presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At approximately 1:10 pm, Ms. Chow entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOVED: Ms. Martin; SECONDED: Mr. Roberti; ROLL CALL: Ms. Eizenberg – Yes; Ms. Martin – Yes; Ms. Chow – Yes; Ms. Mirick – Yes; Mr. Roberti - Yes

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Mirick  
Secretary

**Documents and Exhibits Used:**

School Committee Assignment List

ATM Draft Budget Presentation

Preliminary Elementary Enrollment 2021-2022