

## July 21st SC Retreat Minutes

1. Call to Order 6:34pm. Present: Brian Blake (BB), Dianna Freehan (DF), Jen Donahue (JD), Kate Eliot (KE), Haley Rist (HR), Sasha Sopic (SS), Jenny Connolly (JC). Not present: Mat Perry.
2. Public Comments: None, no one in attendance
3. School Committee Reorganization: Vote on Chair and Vice Chair. Kate and Dianna expressed willingness to serve as Chair. Motion by JD to nominate DF, second by HR. Role call unanimously approved. Vice Chair: KE and JD expressed willingness to serve as Vice Chair. JC nominates JD to serve as Vice Chair second by SS. Role call vote unanimous. DF moved for BB to serve as committee clerk, second by SS, unanimous.
4. Superintendent's Administrative Report Midsummer update - dealt with end of school year events, a staff retreat day, kick-off phone call with MSBA (BB, Tom Markham, and Tom Younger), Compliance documents have been submitted. 2 Professional Development days multiple facility updates across the district, Rob Furtado is new Facilities Director. Search for a new principal at Winthrop is in progress, BB hopes to have an announcement next week. Aaron Clark is the new Asst Principal at Winthrop. Provided detailed update of projects happening across the schools this summer, including the new modular at Winthrop which won't be open in time for school to start.
5. State and Federal Education Funding Update: As of today, IDEA and Title I funding are going to be level funded. Title IIA and IVA are being cut. The district spent \$26k on Title IIA in FY25 and \$11,645k for Title IV.
6. Massachusetts School Building Authority Update/School Building Committee Appointment(s)
  - a. As above, the compliance document has been submitted to the MSBA
  - b. SBC nominations: KE, JD, and JC have expressed interest. Discussion around the number of SC appointments, agreed on 1 representative. Motion to support KE made by JC, second by JD. 3 votes in favor, motion fails. KE nominates HR as SBC rec, second by JD. 5 votes in favor, 1 opposed. Motion carries.
  - c. Whittier SBC is looking for a rep, could be our Whittier Rep or not,
7. Discuss Subcommittee, Working Group, and Liaison Positions - Chair will finalize and circulate to committee.
8. School Inspection Assignments - KE to organize both elementary, HR to set up MS/HS
9. School Committee and Superintendent Goals Brainstorming -
  - a. SC goal ideas include SBC, Budget, Develop process for committee appointments, Community Engagement, Rubric for ourselves for accountability, Athletic policy creation, creation of measurable Sup't goals
  - b. Sup't goal ideas include operationalize new Wellness and Feoffees policy goals, cohesion of new building administrators (admin to admin, admin to staff, admin to families), investigate revenue sources to supplement budget, heightened presence in buildings especially elementaries, looking at measurable educational outcomes, earlier and better communication on capital plan, DEI initiatives, field trip policy, structured email templates communication out to community members
10. New Business - none

11. Adjourn - moved at 8:30pm by HR, second by JC, unanimous

Respectfully submitted by Kate Eliot