

Minutes of the School Committee Community Outreach Forum

June 19, 2017

9:30am

East School Multi-Purpose Room

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am

Members Present: Michelle Ayer, Cynthia Galko, Liza O'Reilly, Kay Praschma

Visitors Present: Meghan Rowan, Laura Marwill, Michele Crawford, Ray Estes, Chrissy Roberts, Julie Strehle, Pam Harty, Trish Cairns, Diana Dee, Jen Howard, Elizabeth Moulds, Adrienne McGarr, Laura Sorgi, Deirdre Anderson, Carolyn Bianchi, Jaime Kenney, Nancy MacDonald, Kerry Ni, Jen Doan, Richard McManus, MJ Hanron

2. Community Feedback and Ideas

Committee members and visitors discussed a wide range of issues, including the following:

- Half Day option for Kindergarten
- Full Day Kindergarten tuition
- Communications at all levels
- Homework
- Transition years – 6th and 9th grades
- HHS focus on athletics
- Standardization of activities among elementary schools
- Uniform delivery system for communications to parents and students
- Need for more resources to support students when needed
- Class placement at HHS
- Social Emotional Task Force surveys
- Prioritization of resources
- School Committee emails
- Understanding of adolescent behaviors / brain development
- Consistencies in expectations
- Policies regarding return of exams
- HHS GPA
- Cultural inclusivity & sensitivity
- Role of School Councils
- Contract Negotiations
- Teacher reviews
- Technology
- Reading instruction
- Creation of Advisory Boards for issues of concern
- Fees / Payment system
- Overall district priorities
- Interest in more such forums / avenues of communication

- HMS math and STEM programming
- STEM programming in HHS

3. Questions

Questions were asked and answered by both School Committee members and visitors during the discussion.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Kay Praschma and seconded by Cynthia Galko it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:24am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cynthia Galko