

School Committee Meeting Highlights

August 22, 2022

Dr. Dwight shared her Superintendent Report and discussed the following items:

- Leadership Retreat Summary: The District Leaders met in early August to prepare for the upcoming school year. Leaders spent time discussing the District Improvement Plan and reviewing the teacher evaluation process.
- Lunch Planning: Students in the District will have free lunch again for this school year.
- Middle School Ramp Update: After a year and a half, the middle school ramp is almost complete. The new ramp features a sitting bench, composite material decking, metal mesh sides, and light poles for decorative lighting.



- Parent Forum: A forum was scheduled for August 24th for families to virtually meet the new principals, review the COVID protocols, and see the new vision and core value statements. It will be recorded for families who are unable to attend to view at a later date.

The Hildreth and Bromfield principals presented their updated handbooks for the upcoming school year. These can be found at pshavard.org

Ms. Marisa Khurana, District Diversity Coordinator, discussed the proposed DEI statement which was based on language from the National School Boards Association (NSBA). The Committee approved the new Statement on Equity:

District Vision Statement:

We commit to providing a high quality education centered around dynamic learning and personal well being in a community where everyone can find belonging.

Resolution on Equity

We affirm in our actions that each student can and shall learn. We recognize that based on factors including but not limited to ability, race, ethnicity, and socio-economic status, students' educational opportunities can be inequitable. Educational equity is the intentional allocation of resources, instruction, and opportunities, requiring that discriminatory practices, prejudices, and beliefs be identified and eradicated. We support the educators employed in our district to carry out this essential work.

Dr. Dwight presented the new [COVID Readiness Plan](#) to School Committee members which was developed after meeting with the School Nurses and HTA Representative. It addresses some of the concerns families may still have regarding COVID and puts processes in place to ensure students, teachers, and staff are being safe.

Dr. Dwight reviewed the options for improvements to the softball facilities and School Committee voted to ask the Park and Recreation Department to permit the modifications and additions to Ann Lee and to permit the Ryan 2 field to be converted from a baseball field to a softball field with the modifications discussed. Additionally, they voted to approve up to \$70,000 from the revolving account to fund all the items listed.

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