

School Committee Meeting Highlights

October 24, 2022

The meeting began with an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining with the Harvard Teachers Association. Negotiations are underway for a three year contract for FY 24 - FY26.

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

- Nutrition Services Updates: Eleni Burns, Director of Nutrition Services, attended the annual fall conference organized by The School Nutrition Association of Massachusetts on October 25th and 26th. Conference topics included: scratch cooking, climate friendly menus, school gardens, and farm to school salad bars. Ms. Burns has also hired more help in the kitchen which has created the capacity for more scratch cooking at both schools.
- Community Events: The PTO hosted a meeting for families to meet the HES principals and tour the new school. They are hosting a similar event for TBS on November 10th from 6-7:30 PM.
- Technology Advisory: On the recommendation of a community member, Nate Finch, a district technology advisory group is being developed. The purpose of the group will be to better connect the District with professionals in the community and to hear more about parents' experiences and wishes for their students as they prepare for the future and use technology as a learning tool. The group will consist of between five and eight members. Dr. Dwight also said they would be happy to have a Committee member join as well.

Committee members approved two field trips: one for the Model UN to attend the Harvard Model UN Annual Session in February 2023 and the other for 9th graders to travel to Washington, DC in March 2023.

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Dr. Dwight and the Committee members reviewed edits and suggestions made to the District Strategic [Plan](#). Dr. Dwight reiterated that this is a living document and will continue to be updated occasionally as necessary.

The next School Committee meeting will take place in person at the Upper Town Hall on Monday, November 14th.

For School Committee contact information:

https://www.psharvard.org/school_committee/members

For Upcoming Meeting Dates: <https://www.harvard-ma.gov/>

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