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## **Wayland Public Schools Wayland, Massachusetts 01778**

### **Wayland School Committee (SC) Newsletter**

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#### **At the October 4, 2023 SC meeting:**

- Several SC members and David Fleishman (Acting Superintendent) remarked about recent in person **visits to schools and positive activities**, including: **social-emotional learning (SEL) in action** at the elementary schools, the roll out of the **new elementary Bridges math curriculum and professional development** provided to teachers and staff on the new curriculum, and the **high school journalism and sports broadcasting classes, highlighting the work of WSPN**.
- The SC also thanked **Donny Guerinoni** for coordinating a fundraiser and all who donated to the **\$50,000 gift to upgrade the basketball hoops** in the middle school gym.
- **Plans to prepare the 2024-2025 budget**: budget discussions have begun and have already been extremely collaborative. The budget will be student-focused and built on data that supports student learning and in line with the SC's Budget Goal which is "to fully support the academic and social/emotional growth of our students, while respecting the fiscal restraints facing Wayland residents and needs of other Town departments."
- Debbie Dixon (Interim Dir. of Student Services) provided updates on training efforts in the district centered on **supporting students that require de-escalation and students with emotional regulation needs**. Wayland is now utilizing the **Safety Care program**. So far 18 staff members have been trained, with more planned for October. Wayland is also expanding **Dialectical Behavior Training (DBT)** to schools outside of the Middle School. Staff will be using the book "DBT in Schools" coupled with training from McLean Hospital.
- Over the next month, **Dr. Fleishman will present the new District Goals and encourage community conversations at each school** in a hybrid (in-person/Zoom) format. Please watch for more information in your school newsletters and direct communications from David.
- The SC discussed **maintenance of the WHS turf field** as well as long-term planning for the life of the field. The SC plans to collect information from previous presentations and data analysis on comparisons between grass and turf fields.
- The SC approved the **Boston UN Model overnight trip**.
- Ellen Grieco and Erin Mueller will serve as SC's **new liaisons to Wayland's Human Rights, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (HRDEIC)**.