

Library /Media Center 6:30 PM

Members present: Richard Blake, Allison Martino, Lauren Nolan, Michelle Ryan, James Strobino.

The first order of business referenced the current state of district budget. Mr. Blake explained that due to money shortfalls from the state and local governments, the School Committee feels the district is in a deficit of 1.5 million dollars. Because last year's budget cut deeply into non-personnel line items, he is fearful that this deficit will mean personnel cuts. More updates will be available as the year progresses.

The second item on the agenda regarded the scheduling committee. Mr. Blake explained that the committee has met 3 times and is looking at 3 or 4 different scheduling models. Their ultimate objective is creating a schedule which affords more teaching time so that teachers may utilize different creative teaching methodologies in the classroom, enhancing student learning opportunities.

The next agenda item was an MCAS AYP update. Mr. Blake stated that progress for Gates making AYP is an ongoing process and is a regular inquiry from the Scituate School Committee, as it was discussed during Monday's School Committee Meeting.

Upcoming events/opportunities:

January 4th – Mary Ellen Sworda guest speaking at monthly staff meeting to discuss and answer questions regarding school and SPED laws.

January 5th - Guest speaker from the Plymouth DA's office for student assembly to discuss cyber-bullying and internet safety

January 19th- Part II of Stan Davies presentation (*School Where Everyone Belongs*)* * Pending available funding

January 26th - Presentation by Lea Garneau, School Psychologist Intern regarding RTI Level One interventions

Dates/Times of School Improvement Council meetings: (2nd Tuesday of each month)

Jan 12th - 3:30PM

Feb 9th – 6:30 PM

Mar 9th – 3:30 PM

April 13th – 6:30 PM

May 11th – 3:30

Mr. Strobino shared more detail about the budget to our Council as we wrapped up our meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard H. Blake
Principal

