

Duxbury Middle School School Council Meeting Minutes
Oct 13, 2022

Attendance:

Sarah McGuire - DMS Principal
Cheryl Gleason- Parent
~~Amy Flynn- Parent~~
Corey Wisneski- Parent
~~Gio Sheridan- Student~~
Rachel Ezell- Parent
Meryl Gilbert- Student
~~Lalitha Krishnan- Parent~~
Leah Grip- Teacher
Julie Cook- Teacher
Linda Moriarty- Community Member

School Update (DMS)

- Minutes approval from 9/15/22
- SEPAC Announcement share: On 10/18 SEPAC will be holding its **first business meeting** of the year in Alden 102 from 6-8 and also via Zoom. We'll be reviewing plans for the year, work thus far, parent feedback trends, and a call to action for various volunteer opportunities! Any questions can be sent to duxburysepac@gmail.com and you can find more updated information on our [website](#). We're looking for help in the following areas: (1) Focus group leads for other disability areas, similar to our growing dyslexia group! Want to connect with other parents supporting kids with ASD, ADHD, Down Syndrome, Sensory Processing challenges, etc.? This is your chance! (2) Fundraising support (3) Liaisons to different schools and PTO/PTA.
- Field trips to Tree Tops were successful, very positive
 - Cost was high
 - Transportation costs up- any ways to offset costs of trips in this case?
 - Value of trips vs cost

Preliminary Budget Update

- Capital requests
 - We are into 8th year of building
 - Some wear and tear on furniture is significant
 - Poor stool design for art and science stools
 - Updating some items that students use a lot
- Music
 - SGI
 - Tutor requests
 - Equity of instruction and cost across families and students
- Athletic Van

SIP 2022-23

- Curriculum Review Cycle

- On the website
- Updated process
- Interruptions in efforts due to COVID years, now back on track
- Math recent reviews
 - Summer work to support cleaner coverage of standards
 - Always reviewing student data to try to adjust to student needs and readiness
- Opportunities for health curriculum
 - Frameworks are from 1999, state hasn't shared plan to update them
 - Opportunity to update resources being used
 - Mental health focus?
 - School Wellness Advisory Committee reviews health curriculums- could this topic be brought up there?
- COVID impacts to students acquiring curriculum effectively
 - Reviewing some additional topics due to remaining COVID impacts
- Strategic plan identifies focus areas for this year
 - Specificity of plan to come from progress checks
 - SIP to tie into Strategic Plan
 - Tie into budget requests as well
 - Working creatively with existing staff and programming
 - Pathways into DHS
 - Considering categories of courses that direct students towards internship opportunities
 - Connecting with DHS about how and when to best market this to 8th graders– around course selection likely

Next Meeting: 11/10/22, 3pm B103