

**Duxbury Middle School School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Nov 9, 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 10/13/22

**Budget Presentation**

- Early budget process- March public meeting means we kick off the year already prepping for budget cycle for next year
- Projections look ok this year w/ continuing ESSER funding available
- DPS used some to focus on tech, PPE, plexiglass, and a couple of positions
- Level services is built moving over existing staff and expected contracts, including known retirements, projected utilities, etc
- Presentation at SC broke out ESSER funding included, and full day K included
- ESSER= elementary and secondary emergency school relief
- 14% estimated increase in fuel/ heat/ utility costs
- Used projections to build level service budget
- Offsets include estimated 4 total retirements
  - Approx \$25000/ new hire in cost savings from retirements
- Question about inflation projections
- Class size data- at DMS we have leveled out in population and don't expect major swings in population at this point- approx 210-220/ class moving forward
- Chandler requests around backfilling positions funded by ESSER, K teacher
- Alden- math specialists and SPED support
- DMS
  - SPED teacher to offset testing, support students, c-grid classes
  - School Psych and SLP shared with DHS- testing/ student supports
  - Music tutors- equity with direct instrument music instruction
- Tutors maintained for intervention work with students
- Video clips about needs of DMS or highlighting particular area of school needs
  - Consider finding students to join and express needs
- Budget presentations upcoming- Nov 16 and Dec 7 School Committee meetings
- School Committee budget vote will be Jan 4, 2023

- Town Meeting is set for March 11, 2023
- Capital budget work ongoing- some major needs with tennis courts and Alden roof, etc- these go to fiscal advisory committee
- Families using their voice, writing to and attending Finance Committee can help demonstrate support for budget needs
- Question about what an override is- prop 2.5%, Dr. Klingaman explains lengthy process of community efforts to pass and coordination with town committees

**Next Meeting: 12/15/22, 3pm B103**