

Harvard Public Schools
39 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard, Massachusetts 01451

School Committee Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2017
6:00 p.m.
Upstairs at Town Hall

- I. Call to Order (6:00)**
- II. Read the Core Value Statement (6:01)**
- III. Open to Interested Citizens' Commentary (6:05)**
- IV. Public Hearing for the Budget (6:10)**
- V. Share out from students about the Dominican Republic Trip (6:30)**
- VI. Superintendent Report (7:00)**
- VII. Update on the Building Project (7:10)**
- VIII. Financial Projection Report for Devens' Fund (7:30)**
- IX. Athletic User Fee Funding Vote (7:40)**
- X. Recommendation for April 14th Day of School (7:50)**
- XI. Review the Recommended 2017-18 School Calendar (8:00)**
- XII. Update on Charter Commission Draft (8:15)**
- XIII. Discuss Roles at Town Meeting (8:25)**
- XIV. Brainstorm Student Advisory Topics (8:30)**
- XV. Review meeting minutes (8:35)**
- XVI. Liaison/Sub-committee reports (8:40)**
- XVII. Suggest future agenda items (8:50)**
- XVIII. Open to Interested Citizens' and School Committee Commentary (8:55)**
- XIX. Adjournment (9:00)**

Documents: superintendent's report, calendar draft, financial page, budget book, meeting minutes

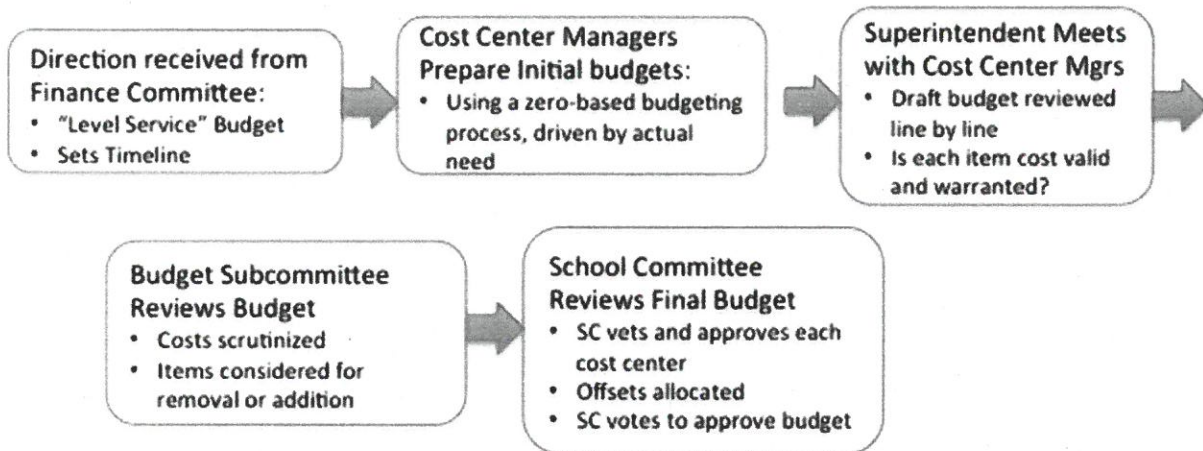
Core Value Statement: School Resources – We appreciate that the Harvard community provides the necessary resources to best serve our students, and we hold ourselves responsible for the appropriate use of those resources.



HARVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS FY18 OMNIBUS BUDGET

School Committee Budget Hearing
March 27, 2017

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Cost Center Comparison FY17/FY18

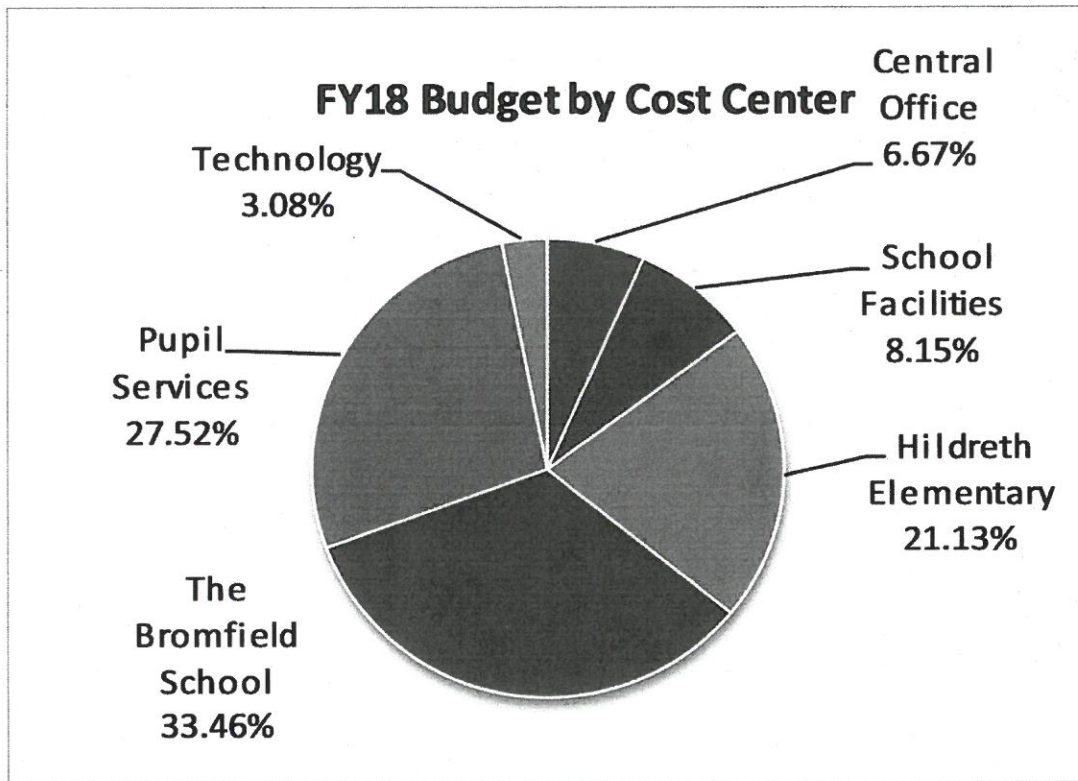
		Proposed		
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BUDGET SUMMARY	Budget	Budget	Increase/	Increase/
By Cost Center	2017	FY18	Decrease	Decrease
Central Office	\$ 812,420	\$ 868,025	\$ 55,605	6.84%
School Facilities	\$ 1,024,303	\$ 1,059,895	\$ 35,592	3.47%
Hildreth Elementary	\$ 2,605,355	\$ 2,747,693	\$ 142,338	5.46%
The Bromfield School	\$ 4,344,496	\$ 4,351,214	\$ 6,718	0.15%
Pupil Services	\$ 3,419,848	\$ 3,578,643	\$ 158,795	4.64%
Technology	\$ 400,220	\$ 400,335	\$ 115	0.03%
Budget Totals	\$ 12,606,642	\$ 13,005,805	\$ 399,163	3.17%

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FY18 Major Cost Drivers

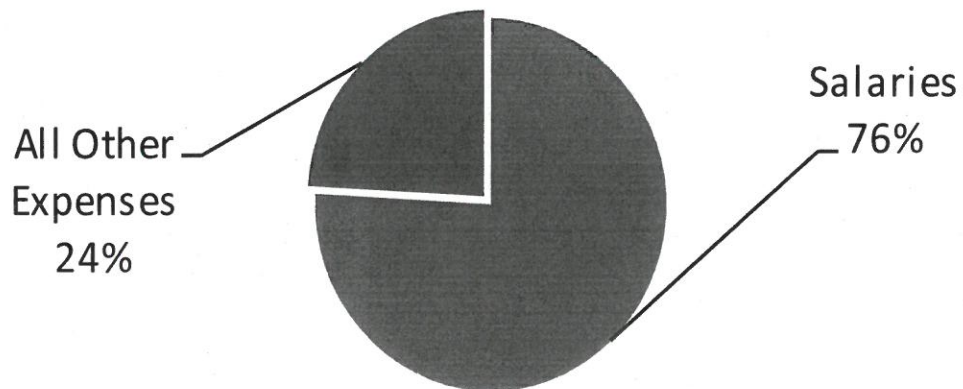
- Provision for 1.5% Cost of living Adjustment all staff - \$168k
- Out of District tuition increase - \$224k
- Custodial Contract services for cleaning and snow removal - \$65k
- Regular student Transportation - \$45k
- Final Budget recommendations achieved through actions to reduce costs and increase offsets

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**FY18 Budget Percentage
Salaries vs All Other Expenses**



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Offsets to Budget

- Offsets to Omnibus Budget total \$2.9M including \$1.29M from Devens funds, \$758k from Circuit Breaker (\$510k) and IDEA Grant (\$248k), School Choice (\$310k), Pre-K and K Tuition (\$215k), Title 1 Grant (\$136k), Transportation Fees (\$55k) and other supplements.
- Devens funds supplement Omnibus Budget \$900k for salaries and \$354k for Technology leases, with an additional \$195k for the FY18 Capital Budget - \$175k for Bromfield Science Lab renovation and \$20k for Bromfield Middle School bathrooms.

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FY18 Capital Budget

- Article 26: Door locks for the Bromfield School - \$84k
- Article 27: Science Lab At Bromfield - \$175k (contingent on debt exclusion) additional Lab to be funded by Devens
- Article 28: Bromfield Middle School Bathroom renovation project - \$40k to be shared with Devens funding
- Article 29: Middle School Ramp Study - \$30k
- Article 32: Hildreth Elementary School Feasibility Study and Design report

Superintendent's Update
March 27, 2017

I. Hildreth Elementary building project update

Here is a list of the actions completed in past weeks:

- The School Building Committee met and reviewed the on-going status of the building reports. They also looked at initial conceptual designs and provided input to the architects. The meeting ended with a tour of Bromfield to view the space issues firsthand.
- Several people from the School Building Committee attended a conference call with MSBA about the idea of potentially moving 6th grade and the central administration offices into the building project. For several reasons, MSBA was less than enthusiastic about changing the grade configuration. This led us to hold a workshop with Arrowstreet and NV5 to analyze the space issues at Bromfield and make a recommendation. The group recommended taking the move of 6th grade out of the plan. We will focus later on better student use of the spaces at Bromfield.
- The architect firm, Arrowstreet came out to HES and spent time with teachers and students in focus groups. They also held another parent drop-in forum and 6 parents attended.
- Sue Frederick, Josh Myler and I worked on the Educational Plan document that will be reviewed by the Visioning Committee and School Building Committee this week before being submitted to MSBA.

II. Grant Approval for Arm in Arm Presenters and the DC Trip

The Arm in Arm group has invited two presenters to Harvard. Charles Dew will speak at Fruitlands at 8PM on April 29th and Gish Jen will speak on May 5th at 8PM at the top of the Town Hall. The group is asking the teachers to encourage student attendance at the events. Two students, Phoebe Clark and Charlotte Durham, wrote a grant to Harvard Schools Trust to fund the speakers.

The Harvard Schools Trust also granted \$1,000 to supplement the payment for the 9th grade DC trip.

III. Contract Request Regarding a Past Sabbatical

Please see the attached letter.

Superintendent's Update
March 27, 2017

IV. Teacher Leadership Team Met

The teacher leaders and district leaders met on Thursday. Topics of discussion included planning for the upcoming April PD ½ day and updating the District Improvement Plan. The upcoming April PD day will be a combination of K – 12 Curriculum work and diversity issues. The department leaders and vertical team leaders will be collaborating together to further design the afternoon.

V. Drama Students Will Compete at States

We are proud of the student actors and actresses, stage crew, directors, and others involved with the drama festival. The show, Shipwrecked, was selected to continue on to the third round of competition being held on March 31st.

Harvard Schools Trust, Inc.

PO Box 450 • Harvard, MA 01451-0450

March 17, 2017

Linda Dwight, Superintendent
Harvard Public Schools
39 Massachusetts Avenue
Harvard, MA 01451

Dear Dr. Dwight,

The Harvard Schools Trust approved the following grants this month:

Submit Date	Request	Title	Submitter	Amount
3-6-2017	1718	9 th Grade Washington, DC Trip	Julie Horton Scott Hoffman	\$1,000
3-12-2017	1719	<i>Common Ground</i> speakers	Charlotte Durham Phoebe Clark	\$1,000

Grant 1719 is to support the speaker series. At a time convenient for you, I would like to speak with you as to how you see the series emerging.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Very truly yours,

Terry Symula
President,
Harvard Schools Trust

Cc: Susan Frederick
Scott Hoffman
Karen Shuttle
Rolf VandeVaart

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Albert Barbieri • Didi Chadran • Tim Clark * Heidi Creighton • Molly Cutler • Mimi Dorward • Pamela Erdos • Stephen Finnegan
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March 24, 2017

Dr. Dwight and Members of the Harvard School Committee,

This letter is to ask for your consideration in waiving the remainder of my sabbatical agreement pending an offer for an administrative position outside of the Harvard Public School District. As it currently stands, the sabbatical agreement extends to the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

I am requesting this waiver so that I can pursue an administrative position outside of the Harvard Public School District. My work in educational leadership has led me to realize that my passion extends beyond the work that I do with students in the classroom and I am excited about tackling that next step. While I continue to be a passionate educator in Harvard, I hope you will consider allowing me the opportunity to explore administrative options.

I appreciate your attention to this request.

Many thanks,
Dawn-Marie Ayles



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Mass Development/Devens
Revenue/Expense Projections
FY16-FY20

Devens FY16-FY20 Revenue/Expense Projection

Basis for Projection:

- Enrollment of 85 in FY17 grows by 5 students each year
- FY16 per pupil cost of \$16,216 will grow by 2.7% annually
- Capital Budget commitments – Science labs will be funded in FY18 and FY19
- Tech support (to be proposed) and .5 School Business Manager in FY18 and beyond
- Classroom teacher funding increased by \$100k in FY19 and beyond
- Maintain FY17 funding for Tech initiatives (\$354k) to continuously renew 3 and 4 yr. leases

Devens FY16-FY20 Revenue/Expense Projection

	FY16 Year End	Revenue	Expenditures	Projected FY17 Year End	FY18	Revenue	Expenditures	Projected FY18 Year End
Devens:								
Bromfield School, Tuitions	\$ 1,953,552	\$1,450,499.07			\$1,497,541.98			
TBS Staffing	\$ (645)		\$ 507,015			\$ 500,000		
TBS Transportation	\$ (27,243)	\$ 55,479	\$ 60,300		\$ 60,300	\$ 60,300		
TBS Capital	\$ (162,851)	\$ 20,000	\$ 324,727		\$ 20,000	\$ 215,000		
Special Ed Services	\$ 48,212	\$ 209,725	\$ 155,000		\$ 97,000	\$ 97,000		
Elementary School, Tuitions	\$ (46,217)		\$ 400,000			\$ 400,000		
HES Staffing	\$ (323,502)							
HES Transportation	\$ -							
HES Capital (Technology)	\$ (224,446)		\$ 57,349			\$ 16,000		
Prior Year Expenditures	\$ (230,347)							
Other	\$ (100)					\$ 60,000		
Technology Wages	\$ (5,000)					\$ 28,000		
Technology Purchases	\$ (186,133)	\$ -	\$ 231,878			\$ 354,000		
Year End Fund Balance Devens	\$ 795,279	\$ 1,735,702	\$ 1,736,270	\$ 794,711	\$ 1,674,842	\$ 1,730,300	\$ 739,253	

	FY19	Revenue	Expenditures	Projected FY19 Year End	FY20	Revenue	Expenditures	Projected FY20 Year End
Devens:								
Bromfield School, Tuitions	\$ 1,593,455				\$ 1,723,809			
TBS Staffing			\$ 550,000			\$ 550,000		
TBS Transportation	\$ 60,300	\$ 60,300	\$ 60,300		\$ 60,300	\$ 60,300		
TBS Capital	\$ 20,000	\$ 240,000			\$ 20,000	\$ 120,000		
Special Ed Services	\$ 97,000	\$ 97,000			\$ 97,000	\$ 97,000		
Elementary School, Tuitions		\$ 450,000				\$ 450,000		
HES Staffing								
HES Transportation								
HES Capital (Technology)		\$ 16,000				\$ 16,000		
Prior Year Expenditures								
Other		\$ 60,000				\$ 60,000		
Technology Wages		\$ 28,000				\$ 28,000		
Technology Purchases		\$ 354,000				\$ 354,000		
Year End Fund Balance Devens	\$ 1,770,755	\$ 1,855,300	\$ 654,709	\$ 1,901,109	\$ 1,735,300	\$ 820,517		

2017/18 School Calendar (Draft 3/24)

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Days of Note 2017/18

Aug 28, 29	Prof. Dev.	Nov 22 - 24	Thanksgiving	April 16 - 20	April Vacation
Aug 30	First Student Day (1 - 12)	Dec 25 - Jan 1	Winter Vacation	May 28	Memorial Day
Sep 4	Labor Day	Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr.	June 20	Last Day of School
Oct 9, 1/2 10	Columbus Day/Prof. Dev.	Jan 16	Prof. Dev.		(including 5 snow days)
Nov 7, 10	Election/Veterans' Day	Feb 19 - 23	February Vacation		

**WARRANT FOR THE 2017 TOWN OF HARVARD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND ELECTION
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

WORCESTER, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Harvard:
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town, who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in The Bromfield School on Saturday, the 1st day of April, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. by the clock to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 26: DOOR LOCKS FOR THE BROMFIELD SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, to install and or replace all of the door locks within The Bromfield School, with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2018 being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Inserted by School Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

ARTICLE 27: SCIENCE LAB AT BROMFIELD

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the School Department, with the approval of the School Committee, to renovate and update a Science Lab at The Bromfield School, contingent upon the passage of a Proposition Two and One-Half debt exclusion under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(j) ballot question at the April 2017 Annual Town Election, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by School Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

ARTICLE 28: THE BROMFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL BATHROOMS RENOVATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, for the replacement of toilets, stalls and sinks in each of the four bathrooms within the 6th grade and 7th/8th grade wings of The Bromfield School, said funds to be available in Fiscal 2017, with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2018 being returned to their funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by School Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

ARTICLE 29: MIDDLE SCHOOL RAMP STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended by the Superintendent of Schools, with the approval of the School Committee, to conduct a structural study, including Americans with Disabilities Act compliance measures, to determine the best option for a secondary required egress from the Middle School wing, said funds to be available in Fiscal 2017, with any unexpended funds as of June 30, 2018 being returned to their funding

source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Inserted by School Committee and Capital Planning and Investment Committee)

**ARTICLE 32: HILDRETH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DESIGN
REPORT**

To see if the Town will vote to hear a report from the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee and the School Building Committee for the Hildreth Elementary School project at 27 Massachusetts Avenue, Harvard, Massachusetts, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Submitted by School Committee)

School Committee Minutes
Upstairs of the Town Hall
Monday, March 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

Members attending: SusanMary Redinger, Mary Traphagen, Jon Green, Nancy Lancellotti, Patty Wenger, Maureen Babcock, Linda Dwight and Peter Rowe

SusanMary Redinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Dwight read the Vision Statement.

Open to Interested Citizens' Commentary

None

Arrowstreet Q&A Regarding HES Renovation

The district is currently in the feasibility study stage of the project. During this phase, the District will work with Stephanie Gilman from NV5 and Emily Grandstaff-Rice from Arrowstreet to document its educational program, generate an initial space summary, document existing conditions, establish parameters, develop and evaluate alternative and recommend the most educationally appropriate preferred solution to the MSBA Board of Directors for their consideration. Emily Grandstaff-Rice is meeting with teacher and student focus groups as well as holding community member drop in meetings to gather input from stakeholders

Student Report

Chloe Cushing reported that ninth grade students will be leaving on Wednesday for the Washington DC field trip. Tenth grade students will be taking the MCAS test during three days next week. Spring sports are scheduled to start on Monday, March 20th.

Field Trip Approval

Michael Poe, Debate Team Advisor asked for approval to take two students who qualified for the National Debate Team Convention to Louisville Kentucky over Memorial Day weekend. The Debate team will be holding fundraisers to defer some of the costs of the trip.

Mary Traphagen made a motion and Patty Wenger seconded to approve the overnight field trip to Louisville Kentucky for the National Debate Convention for the Memorial Day weekend.

VOTE 5/0

Dr. Dwight asked the Committee to consider a request from the Crew Team to depart for the Saratoga Invitational at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28th instead of after school as originally scheduled.

Patty Wenger made the motion and Mary Traphagen seconded to approve the request from the Crew Team to leave at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28th.

VOTE 5/0

Josh Thurston, Kristen McManus, Mischa deRuijter and Greer Jarvis attended the meeting to seek approval for the Business Professional of America (BPA) Club to attend the National Convention in Orlando Florida from Wednesday, May 10th through Sunday, May 14th.

Nancy Lancellotti made the motion and Mary Traphagen seconded to approve the overnight, out of state trip for 10 to 15 students and 2 chaperones to travel to Orlando Florida from May 10th to May 14th as proposed tonight.

VOTE 5/0

Special Education Report

Marie Harrington, Director of Pupil Services gave a status report of special education in the district. Dr. Harrington reported on the number of students receiving services at each school as well as out of district by disability type. Dr. Harrington included in her report the DESE mid cycle review process, current staffing, department successes and goals for the year.

Financial Report

School Business Manager, Peter Rowe reviewed the FY17 Second Quarter Budget update. The report is projecting total spending for the year at \$15,190,501, which would yield a small surplus for the year of \$4,562. Custodial services exceed the budget by \$50K with an additional snow removal overage of \$35K, regular transportation contract increase of \$33K, Out of District Placement costs of \$59K over budget and the loss of the state funded Kindergarten grant at \$20K. These overages are largely offset by approximately \$163K in salary savings from staff turnover and a projected surplus of \$24K in the Special Education transportation account.

User Fee Subcommittee Recommendation

Mary Traphagen and Patty Wenger reported to the Committee that their recommendation would be to use the Devens fund to offset more of the Athletic User fees. Jon Green asked for a report out of Devens expected revenue versus expenses for the next five year period in order to understand how this offset will affect that fund. The Committee will bring back for further discussion and vote at a future meeting.

Superintendent Report

**Hildreth Elementary building project update*

30 community members attended the Community Forum on March 2nd

Over 200 people have completed the on-line survey

We have meetings planned with the teachers and students at HES with the architect firm. We also have several community meetings planned

The website has the presentation from March 2nd with voice over content, the Q&A, and other resources.

**Inclusion Steering Committee meeting*

Leaders Sharon McCarthy and Emma Franzeim planned the 2nd Steering Committee meeting. The Steering Committee members decided on the name Arm in Arm to identify their group to the public. Stay tuned for information on educational offerings, a town-wide read, and other inclusion based opportunities.

**Collecting Data on April 14th*

We currently have a 52 staff members requesting the day off for religious observance. As this number continues to grow (10 were added this week), I may need to close school due to low attendance. Our first priority is the safety of students and unless we are able to find more substitutes, I may have to close school and have the day made up in June.

Update on Tree Warden Recommendation Regarding Trees outside Library

As result of a student injury due to climbing a tree located between the library and the Bromfield School parking lot, Dr. Dwight met with the Tree Warden, Christian Bilodeau. Christian agreed to trim the lower branches of the trees to make tree climbing improbable.

BOS proposal regarding Community Ed/Park and Rec position

The Board of Selectman were going to put on the town warrant an article to combine a new Park and Rec position with the School Community Education position. The School is not in favor of this article and as a result the Board of Selectman will be pursuing other options. It is likely that the Selectman will pass over this warrant article at town meeting.

SC Self-Assessment Process/Form Review

SusanMary Redinger reviewed the process for completing the School Committee Self-Assessment form. The Committee will need to return the completed form to SusanMary Redinger by Wednesday March 22nd in order for her to compile results to be presented at the March 27th School Committee meeting.

Review Letter of Supporting Transgender Students' Rights

Dr. Dwight shared with the Committee a letter she intended to send out to the school community regarding transgender rights. Dr. Dwight explained that in February the president rescinded a national order by which transgender students were no longer protected under Title IX.

Massachusetts State Law prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity. This letter will reassure students and their families that the Harvard Public Schools will abide by the Massachusetts State Law and will continue to be provided a safe and support school environment for all students.

Mary Traphagen made the motion and Jon Green seconded to approve the letter as presented and include the School Committee as co-signers to the letter.

VOTE 5/0

Grant Approval

The Committee approved the generous grant from the PTO in the amount of \$2,500 to be used to off-set the cost of the Washington DC trip

Jon Green made the motion and Mary Traphagen seconded to approve the grant from the PTO in the amount of \$2,500 to be used to off-set cost for the ninth grade Washington, DC trip.

VOTE 5/0

Review of Minutes

With no objection SusanMary Redinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting as amended.

VOTE 5/0

Liaison/Subcommittee reports

Mary Traphagen attended the Athletic Advisory meeting and shared the idea of using Devens funds to offset the Athletic budget. Because there were very few responses to the fall sports survey the group is thinking of having less questions on the survey and making it mandatory requirement for athletes. The Athletic Advisory is working on fundraising ideas and would love to get lights and bleachers for the soccer fields.

HES School Council discussed homework. The Grade 2-5 student survey is complete but has not been made public. HES held a very successful lock down drill.

The Science Fair was held last Friday. Nancy Lancellotti and Mary Traphagen presented two awards at the science fair on behalf of the School Committee.

Patty Wenger reported that CPIC met a couple of weeks ago to finalize things for town meeting on April 1st

Jon Green reported that Harvard Cable Television will meet this Wednesday.

SEPAC will be meeting to regroup and re-strategize and is looking for recommendation on how to proceed with that.

Nancy Lancellotti reported that parents would like to get the health fair going again. There is some hesitation that students would travel off campus and would like to use the model where speakers would come to the school. The discussion now is how to involve parents. It would be unfortunate to lose the student parent component and the common information discussed.

The Policy subcommittee met and looked at the Harassment policy and will be making some changes to the language and will bring it back to the committee at a future meeting.

Maureen Babcock reported that DEAC did not meet March 7th and is rescheduled for March 22nd.

Susan Mary Redinger reported that the Committee met with the Student Advisory Committee meeting. Four students attended the meeting. The students would like to have more information on course descriptions and syllabus, homework is useful for what you know and don't know. Wish that homework was distributed more equitably. The students would like to have a speaker who could talk to them about risky behavior. They thought that moving the sixth grade back to Hildreth Elementary School would be an overall positive move.

Future Agenda Item

School Committee Self-Assessment

Recommendation regarding Athletic user fees

Approve school calendar for 2017/2018

Public Hearing on the budget

Budget book

Student Advisory topics

Parent Survey

Youth at Risk Survey

Bryce – Dominican Republic Trip

Devens projections

Policy flow chart

Science Fair award criteria

Closing Commentary

Dr. Dwight acknowledged students for an outstanding performance at the Drama Fest. They did a play called Ship Wrecked and performed well and will be advancing to the next round. There were many students at the Drama Fest from many different school districts interacting and having a lot of fun.

An Art display in Volunteers Hall that matched the Garden Clubs floral arranged with student art work. It was great to see the intergenerational conversations and interactions

Mary Traphagen- we really need to reach everyone in town to weigh in on the HES building project. It is clear that we need to reach out to the entire population. It makes me a little nervous that people

don't know more but it is on us to get the information out. It can be found on the HES page of the psharvard.org website.

Patty Wenger acknowledged the Committee for all the work they are doing. This is a really dynamic Committee and a lot of work is being done. Keep up the good work.

Maureen Babcock – thanked Nancy and Mary for judging the Science Fair.

SusanMary Redinger announced that the next meeting will be Patty Wenger's last meeting – Looks like SusanMary Redinger and John Ruarke will be elected to serve on the Committee at the upcoming election as there are two candidates for two openings on the ballot.

With no objection SusanMary Redinger adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.
VOTE 5/0

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zadroga