

**WOBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Subcommittee Name: Student Services and Achievement

Chair: Jessie Wetzel

Meeting Date: 02/09/2024

Time: 8:49am

Location: Superintendent's Conference Room, Joyce Middle School

In Attendance: Dr. Crowley, Maureen Ryan, Dan Rasanen, Meg Patrisi, Kelly Curran, Pat Chisholm, Ellen Crowley, and Jessie Wetzel

Not in Attendance: Courtney Young and Julie Cotton

Topic: Presentation of Alternative Education Program

- Mr. Rasanen, Ms. Patrisi, and Ms. Curran presented an updated Alternative Education Program called Bridge Academy.
- Bridge Academy is a tier three support with CP (College Prep) level classes.
- The program is designed for high school students who struggle with a traditional school setting.
- The program will have multiple pathways based on grade and level of support needed.
- See attached slide deck with additional information.

Topic: Special Education Programs Update

- Ms. Ryan reported we are watching the rosters carefully as she understands the need for space.

Topic: Student Services Staffing

- Ms. Ryan reported we are struggling to find qualified professionals.
- Ms. Ryan and her team are working on a strategy.

Topic: NRT Bus Update

- The contract is up for bid this year. More information to come.

Topic: Safety and Security Page Update

- WPS uses the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) developed by the I Love U Guys Foundation.
- The page on the WPS website is active.
- Staff have been trained and Woburn Police consulted on the protocols.
- Link to page: <https://www.woburnps.com/safety-security/>

Topic: SEPAC Update

- Ms. Cotton was not in attendance, however, Ms. Cotton reported updates via email that Ms. Wetzel read aloud.
- What was read: We had a meeting on 1/29 with great attendance ahead of the focused monitoring process. We shared the parent survey link and as of this past Tuesday, Erin Vanderveer from DESE said she had received about 85 completed surveys. SEPAC was interviewed by Erin this week and was happy to help support the focused monitoring process by sharing parent reflections from the community. Coming up soon, we are gearing up for our College Fair in March, which will be in-person this year. We have had a number of participants from prior years reach out to us about

returning, and there will be an increased focus this year on transition experiences within the district as well. We will update further as we solidify plans. Finally, SEPAC will be presenting at school committee on 2/13, and we look forward to checking in.

Future Topic: Development of goals and long-term agenda items between Administration, SEPAC, and School Committee

Meeting adjourned at 10:06am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Wetzel
Chair, Student Services and Achievement Subcommittee