

**WOBURN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS**

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Subcommittee Name: Student Services and Achievement

Chair: Jessie Wetzel

Meeting Date: 12/06/2024

Time: 09:00 am

Location: Superintendent's Conference Room, Joyce Middle School

In Attendance: Ellen Crowley, Maureen Ryan, and Jessie Wetzel

Topic: SPED Update

- It's been a busy but great start to the year. Kids are smiling and staff are doing amazing work in and out of the classroom.

Staffing and Training:

- Greg Woodland has been appointed as the interim elementary coordinator for the district.
- A posting is up for a reading specialist position.
- Much of our professional development has been literacy-focused.
- Allan Blume held three staff professional developments this fall.
- Melissa Orkin led two-day sessions and provided building-based consultations across all schools.
- Wilson Training and Lindamood-Bell training was also conducted this fall.
- Lively Letters training was done in person.
- The staff has appreciated the various professional development opportunities provided by the district.

Student Population:

- Since the start of the year, 57 new students with an IEP have moved into the district, including 2 from out of district. Approximately one-third of these new students are part of specialized programs. Some of these students require specialized support such as one-on-one paraprofessionals.

Program Capacity and Expansion:

- A new GAIN classroom has been opened, with two new students requiring one-to-one support.
- Monitoring continues for the need to open another Early Childhood Program (ECP) classroom.
- The district likely requires additional Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA), aiming for more than one per building.

Extended School Year (ESY):

- The ESY program positions were posted about six weeks ago.

Budget Discussion:

- A meeting with Matt Crowley, Charlie Doherty, and Mayor Concannon was held on October 30 to discuss budget implications and positions added due to increased student enrollment.

Transportation:

- Transportation services are being carefully monitored and currently appear to be on track.

Future Topics:

- Collaborate with SEPAC on school and community safety initiatives.
- Update on mental health issues.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Wetzel
Chair, Student Services and Achievement Subcommittee