

## WHS School Council Minutes – November 6<sup>th</sup>

### Members in attendance:

Scott Palladino

Chris Gardner

Megan Kashner

Joyce Bacchiocchi

Jill Johnson

Cameron Smith

Ann Pearle

1. **Budget Update** – Mr. Palladino presented the WHS FY20 budget that he will be presenting to the School Committee.
2. **Class Size Report** – Did a great job with class sizes this year with adding the 8<sup>th</sup> grade in April/May. The High School only received 5 teachers from the Middle School to accommodate the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Teachers picked up an extra class.
3. **Staffing Update** – Classroom numbers increased in the Special Education Dept. so Mr. Palladino, Mrs. Freitas and Ms. Cannon met with Melissa Fay in hopes to add staff to the Special Education Dept. We have hired one Special Education Teacher and have an opening for 3 Sped Paraprofessionals due to a retirement and a resignation.
4. **Course of Studies for SY 19-20** – Starting in December we will put together preliminary courses for next school year. We will have to add the 8<sup>th</sup> grade courses to the Course of Studies.
5. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington trip** - Administration wanted to do something special for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year so they would like to bring back the Washington DC trip. They received a great response when brought forward to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We would need at least 30-40 students interested in the trip to make it happen. There will be a meeting with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and parents on November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.
6. **John and Abigail Adams Scholars** – 30 students will be recognized at the November 15<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting. Also, students in grades 8, 9, 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> who scored advanced will be recognized as well.
7. **WHS PTA Comedy Night** – Comedy Night is November 17<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser will benefit Wareham High School.