



## WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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### **School Council Meeting December 5, 2023 - 7 a.m.**

**Invitees:** Scott Palladino; Joyce Bacchiocchi; Jill Johnson; Anne Berriault; Lester Smith; Christopher Gardner; Anne Cote; Billie-Jo Bean; Samantha Bumpus; Asher Hamilton; Megan Kashner; Jamie Wiksten; Rebecca Roy

**In Attendance:** Scott Palladino; Samantha Bumpus; Joyce Bacchiocchi; Megan Kashner; Christopher Gardner; Rebecca Roy; Jill Johnson

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### **Agenda Item 1 - School Improvement Update**

The school improvement plan was presented to the School Committee and was approved. It included the following:

1. Improve MCAS ELA scores by 10%
  - a. MCAS ELA - with using the following initiatives
    - i. Implement StudySync
    - ii. Increase # of Core Classes
    - iii. Implement NWEA data collection (3x's a year pre MCAS to evaluate students).
2. Improve MCAS Math scores by 10%
  - a. MCAS Math - by using the following initiatives
    - i. Implement Illustrative Math
    - ii. Increase # of Core Classes
    - iii. Implement NWEA data collection (3x's a year pre MCAS to evaluate students).
3. Social-Emotional Learning/Climate
  - a. Increase educators, students, families and community members ability to support the healthy development of students.
    - i. ESS and TLC working together
    - ii. Implementing "Champions"
    - iii. Offering PD through Satchel Pulse
    - iv. Keep students in the school vs. sending out for assistance
4. Attendance - Maintain a 95% or better student attendance rate in 2023 - 2024
  - a. Through the following processes

- i. Monitor attendance daily
  - ii. Initiate contact with parents/guardians regarding attendance
  - iii. Dean's to follow up on chronic issues - CRA's if necessary
  - iv. Home visits
  - v. Ongoing Dean/Guidance collaboration
  - vi. Monthly meetings with juvenile probation officers
- 5. Discipline
  - a. Decrease the out of school suspension rate for 2023 - 2024
    - i. Provide support for teachers and classroom feedback
    - ii. Utilize office detentions as a first tier of discipline
    - iii. Utilize in-school suspension as a second tier of discipline
    - iv. Suspend only when its a safety issue or have no other choice
    - v. CRA's will be filed in court for habitual offenders
    - vi. Offer access to educational programs in lieu of a long term suspension

#### **Questions/Comments:**

Joyce Bacchiocchi - How often do students choose the online class option to reduce suspension?

Mr. Palladino - Approx 80% choose the class option that is an increase from 50%.

Joyce Bacchiocchi - Are you evaluating new programs that will address Social and Emotional learning

Mr. Palladino - Yes, ESS is specifically for TLC students and families. Satchel Pulse is for the entire district and covers everyone, including helping parents directly trying to find counseling and support services.

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#### **Agenda Item 2 - Budget**

Wareham High School is currently working within a situation where there will be cuts. We are expecting significant budget cuts for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Attempts will be made to reduce costs across the board, including clubs and sports. Programs will be reviewed with participant numbers and once we have specific numbers we can outline cuts specifically.

#### **Questions/Comments:**

There was a discussion regarding cuts to sports, however no specific recommendations were made.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Course of Studies**

The Course of Studies is being updated now, and will be presented at the January 2024 School Committee meeting.

There will be specific information provided to the School Council at the January 2, 2024 meeting

#### **Question/Comments:**

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### **Agenda Item 4 - Fall Sports Recap**

Overall was a good season for WHS sports.

1. Field Hockey - was a competitive season, we had 3 students join in (coop) from Bourne
2. Boys and Girls Soccer - definitely a building year, teams were young and in some cases they were playing/learning the sport for the 1st time.
3. Volleyball - very successful season, went to the state tournament. They had a great start, and fell in the 2nd round.
4. Football - 7/4 record overall. Great competitive Thanksgiving Day game.
5. Unified Basketball - great season, with a lot of school participation and support
6. Cheer - great season

#### **Questions/Comments:**

Meghan Kashner - Girls soccer had a young team, many who had never played. Put themselves out there. They are excited to return next year. No attitudes, practice was positive and fun. Students were learning. Overall a positive experience.

Mr. Palladino - games were more competitive in the new league

## **Agenda Item 5 - Winter Sports**

1. Boys Basketball
  - a. Excited about the start of the boys basketball season. We retained a strong team, and expect a very competitive season.
2. Girls Basketball
  - a. Very excited for the season. We have a good team, with a new coach who has been supporting the team with off season drills and open gym time.
3. Winter Track
  - a. Great turnout - 70 students 50/20 girls/boys. Largest turnout we have had (girls).
4. Coop Hockey
  - a. We have 2 students playing on a COOP team with Carver & Middleboro
5. Coop Swim
  - a. We have 1 student swimming for ORR on their swim team.
6. Cheer
  - a. Great turnout for winter Cheer

Question/Comments:

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## **Agenda Item 6 - Scheduling for 2024 - 2025**

Students will login to PowerSchool this year to put in their requests for classes. Scheduling has always been a student driven process, and we are hoping that by having students login, it will increase the accuracy and the visibility on what students want for classes.

At the end of the year, the schedule always looks great, but changes over the summer can cause issues.

The 2024 - 2025 Course of Studies will be presented to the School Committee on January 4, 2024.

Questions/Comments:

Rachel Roy - What is going on with the IB and DE programs? There has been a recent questionnaire that was sent out.

Mr. Palladino - We want to maintain all three programs (AP/IB and DE), the pool of students is relatively small.

## **Agenda Item 7 - Upcoming Events**

### December 1st - Honors Breakfast Grades 8 & 9

WHS Cafeteria

7:50 a.m.

### December 4th - Honors Breakfast Grades 10, 11 & 12

WHS Cafeteria

7:50 a.m.

### December 6th - Early Release

Dismissal at 12:15

### December 13th - Wareham Music Program Performance

WHS Auditorium

6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

### December 15th - Viking Theater Performance

Wizard of Oz

WHS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

### December 16th - Viking Theater Performance

Wizard of Oz

WHS Auditorium - 7:00 p.m.

### December 17th - Viking Theater Performance

Wizard of Oz

WHS Auditorium - 2:00 p.m.

### December 22nd - Half Day

Dismissal at 10:13

### December 22nd - January 1st

Winter Break

### January 5, 2024 - Senior Homecoming

WHS Auditorium

12:30 - 2:45p.m.

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## **Agenda Item 8 - May meeting proposed date change**

Request to move the date of the May meeting from May 7, 2024 to May 14, 2024. WHS will be participating in a school safety conference on the 7th. Revised list of dates (to include the moved date) will be sent out.

Next meeting - January 2, 2024