

MINUTES OF WESTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MEETING

February 13, 2020

A meeting of the Weston School Committee was called to order at 8:04 AM at Weston High School by Mr. John Henry, Chair. In attendance were Ms. Danielle Black, Vice Chair of the School Committee; Dr. Midge Connolly, Superintendent; and Dr. J. Kimo Carter, Assistant Superintendent. Not present: Mr. Alex Cobb, Ms. Anita Raman, Mrs. Rachel Stewart of the School Committee.

Mr. Henry noted there was not a quorum present.

Also present were students Dellena Bereket and Ally Kirk.

Mr. Henry welcomed the students and called the meeting to order at 8:05. He asked students for their perspectives on the course enrollment process. Students expressed appreciation for the variety of courses offered but felt the process was rushed. Dr. Carter explained that the timeline for the process was moved up this year. Mr. Henry noted that course selection is done by grade, with Juniors selecting first. Students shared that it took some time to go through the guidance process. Students appreciated hearing about course options from Department Heads and expressed a desire to get such information earlier.

Mr. Henry asked if any student went through the override process. Students then shared schoolmates' experiences in the override process, stating that it can be an arduous process given the number of signatures required. Students then shared that the need for an override can discourage someone from taking a course they want to try. Students also shared that student experiences in different sections of the same course continue to be significantly different. Mrs. Black noted that faculty and curriculum teams continue to work to improve this area.

Mr. Henry then asked students their thoughts on the recent high school principal search. Students expressed support for the new principal. They shared that that Mr. Peri seems supportive of students and student voice. The students appreciated the opportunity to meet with candidates and having a process that allowed them to have input.

Mr. Henry asked if students have any other concerns. Hearing no other concerns, Mr. Henry wished the students an enjoyable vacation and the following action was taken.

MOTION: Upon motion made by Ms. Black and seconded by Mr. Henry, at 8:25 AM the School Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.