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Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021 Via Zoom

Principal Update: Craig Hovey

- Craig discussed the upcoming budget. The school would like to reinstate the Middle School model that was removed this year – there would be Teams where the teachers would have the same students and be able to collaborate and communicate more effectively with their peers.
- Hoping to add two teaching positions in for next school year.
- The School committee will be meeting over the next weeks to discuss the budget.
- DESE has changed the requirements and increased the time on learning. Increasing streaming and changes to the Wednesday schedule. More information will be forthcoming.
- Picture retakes – February 9th for Cohort A and February 12th for Cohort B. Remote students can attend either date.
- The term is being pushed back to January 29th

Principal Update: Eric Tracy

- No school on 1/18
- Coat Drive was very successful – schools collected over 270 coats. Anton’s Cleaners is continuing the drive through February, but the school portion is closed.
- PSAT – scheduled at the High School for students who already sign up and registered – 1/26. The schedule for that week will change and Tuesday and Wednesday schedules will be flipped.
- High School – term ends on 1/22 with 1/25 as the start of the new term.
- Working on SAT being administered in March – waiting on the college board to confirm
- COVID Update – basketball and hockey teams quarantined – looking at other presumptive cases – remote learning this week at the High School only. 11 confirmed cases and 1 presumptive so far.
- Eric to discuss expectations for carpooling and sports with Craig Genuardo this week. Message will be sent to parents.
- Budget process has begun – parents should get involved – discussions throughout the next 2 months at the school committee meetings.
- 22 positions cut last school year and 1.274 million was cut from the budget last year – hoping to reinstate some portion of that money for next school year.
- Looking to increase the literacy levels in the elementary schools (K-5)
- Teachers may be returning who have been on leave
- MCAS – tests may be shorter and might be pushed back in the school year
- School Choice – must be approved annually at the school committee meeting

Next meeting: February TBD – at night