NOTICE

DOVER-SHERBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING **AGENDA**

November 8, 2022 6:00 P.M.

DSMS Library

- Call to Order
- 2. **Community Comments:**

Join Zoom Meeting (community comments only)

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86082110896?pwd=YIRROWhXcHINa3pzdzU5L2ZOZU5tZz09

Meeting ID: 860 8211 0896

Passcode: 120779

- 3. Metro West Adolescent Health Survey Presentation
- Updates: 4.
 - Superintendent Elizabeth McCoy
 - Warrant Report
- Finance and Operations
 - FY23 Monthly Report
- FY24 Budget Guidance 6.
- Consent Agenda Approval of Minutes October 11, 2022
- Communications (For Members Information)
 - High School Principal Report John Smith
 - Middle School Principal Report- David Lawrence
 - Sherborn School Committee September 20, 2022 minutes
 - Dover School Committee September 27, 2022 minutes
- Items for December 6, 2022 Meeting
- 10. Adjournment

Note: The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may, in fact, be discussed and other items not listed may also be raised for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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Results of 2021 MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey

Key Findings and Recommended
Action Steps



Background and Methodology

 The MWAHS is an initiative of the Metrowest Health Foundation focused on improving adolescent health and wellness through data driven advancements in prevention efforts, programs, and policies

 Survey data strengthens school and community efforts to better understand, prioritize, and address physical and mental health challenges facing our students

 DS uses data to monitor trends, identify emerging health issues, and reflect on progress and set priorities for coming years

Background and Methodology, con't.

 The survey is administered every other year with the exception of 2020 due to COVID-19 and the challenges of administering a survey in remote learning environments

Parents/guardians are informed and given a choice to opt their child(ren) out;
 student participation is voluntary and protocols are in place to protect privacy

 DS has participated in the MWAHS at the Middle School level Grades 7-8 and the High School level Grades 9-12 since 2010. MS participation rate in 2021 was 91.6%, HS participation rate in 2021 was 92%

Key Health Indicators and Emerging Trends

Substance Use: tobacco, electronic vapor products, alcohol, marijuana, other illegal substances, and misuse of prescription drugs

Violence: weapon carrying, physical fighting, dating violence, **bullying and cyberbullying**

Behaviors Related to Injuries: seatbelt use, helmet use, impaired driving, and distracted driving

Mental Health: stress, anxiety, depressive symptoms, self-injury, and suicidality, as well as help-seeking behaviors and sources of mental health support

Key Health Indicators and Emerging Trends, con't

Sexual Behaviors: sexual intercourse, condom use, and other behaviors related to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (questions for HS Survey ONLY)

Additional Behaviors: online behavior, physical activity, sleep, and time spent studying and participating in extracurricular activities

Protective Factors: school connectedness, adult support at school and outside of school, and peer support

Emerging Trends: Adolescent health issues and local concerns (e.g. perceived risk of marijuana use, mental health related to COVID-19)

Key Finding: 2010-2021 Trends Substance Use

Cigarette Smoking Lifetime Use:

MS 2.5% (\$\pi\$ 3.7% in 2018 and 3.8% 2010)

HS 15.3% (¹ 13.2% in 2018 and ⁴ from 25% in 2010)

Electronic Vapor Products Lifetime Use:

MS 2.5% (\$\psi\$ from 11.8% in 2018)

HS 26.3% (4 from 40% in 2018)

Prescription Drug Lifetime Misuse:

HS 5.2% (remains steady from 2018, ♥ from 10.4% in 2010)

2010-2021 Substance Use, con't.

Marijuana/Cannabis Lifetime Use:

MS 1.3% (* from 2.8% in 2018)

HS 24.8% (\$\psi\$ from 28% in 2018 and 35.5% in 2010)

Alcohol Lifetime Use:

MS 10.4% (\$\pi\$ from 17.5% in 2018)

HS 55% (♥ from 57% in 2018)

Increases by Grade

Gr. 7	Gr. 8	Gr. 9	Gr. 10	Gr. 11	Gr. 12	
6%	11%	30%	53%	65%	72%	

Key Finding: Bullying and Cyberbullying

Bullying in the past 12 months:

MS 26%

HS 21%

Cyberbullying in the past 12 months:

MS 27% (consistent since 2012)

HS 20%

Trends:

Females report higher rates of cyberbullying than males

LGBTQ+ Youth and Youth with Disabilities 2X more likely to be bullied

Key Findings 2010-2021 Mental Health

Stress and Anxiety: Life Being Very Stressful

MS 15% (5 from 24% in 2018)

HS 34% (4 from 37% in 2018)

Stress Due to Certain Issues

Social Issues: MS 31% / HS 37%

Appearance Issues: MS 30% / HS 33%

School Issues: MS 47% / HS 70%

Key Findings Mental Health, con't.

Reports of Anxiety (e.g. feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge on more than half of the days in the past two weeks)

MS 32% (1° from 27% in 2018)

HS 42% (¹ from 33% in 2018)

Trends:

Females report symptoms of stressed, anxious, or worried statistically significantly higher than males

Stress increases substantially by grade

School is the most common source of stress

LGBTQ+ Youth and Youth with Disabilities report elevated mental health issues

Key Findings Mental Health con't.

Impact of COVID-19

- Experienced poor mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic most of the time or always
- MS 19% (30% females, 11% males, 13% Grade 7, 25% Grade 8)
- HS 28% (42% females, 14% males)

Key Findings Mental Health con't.

Depressive Symptoms (DS), Self-Injury (SI), and Suicidality

- (DS) MS 18% (up from 13% in 2018) HS 23% (up from 12% in 2018)
- (SI) MS 12% (up from 7% in 2018) HS 19% (up from 9% in 2018)
- Seriously considered suicide lifetime MS 14% (no change from 2018)
- Seriously considered suicide lifetime HS 14% (up from 9% in 2018)
- Attempted suicide MS steady at 2%, 6 students
- Attemped suicide HS 4% (up from 1.5%, 24 students)

LGBTQ+ Youth and Youth with Disabilities report elevated mental health issues

Key Findings Online Behaviors

Screen time for non-school work has increased substantially

MS 30% (no prior data)

HS 49% (¹ from 37% in 2018)

Youth spending three or more hours on social media

MS 13% (5 from 16% in 2018)

HS 17% (steady at 17% in 2018)

Females are more likely than males to spend three or more hours on social media daily and males are more likely to spend three or more hours gaming

Time on social media is correlated with reports of cyberbullying victimization, substance use and mental health problems

Key Findings Protective Factors

- More than two-thirds of Middle and High School youth report being engaged in and connected in school
- Grades 7-12 approximately 70% have at least one teacher or other adult at school to talk to if they have a problem
- Grades 7-12 approximately 88% have a parent or other adult outside of school to talk to about things that are important to them

School and District Response: Education and Awareness

Parent Education and Awareness Events

Professional Development for faculty and staff

Continuous updating and revising curricula

School and District Response: **Programs, Supports, and Interventions**

- Student-led groups (SADD, MARC,GSA, Affinity Groups, etc.)
- Increased Mental Health Staff K-12
- Panorama student SEL Survey implemented in Grades 3-12

School and District Response: **Prevention and Policy Efforts**

Equity Audit and DEI District goals

MTSS - Best Practice work Pre-K through 12

Next Steps

Where do we go from here?

Sharing the DATA: Using common data dialogue (see Slide 19)

- 4 buildings faculty and parent groups
- District Website
- Community Organizations (Boards of Health, Faith-based groups, SRO's/Law Enforcement Offices, Business Associations, Parent Led Groups, Town Wide Youth Organizations, etc.)

Common Data Dialogue

Step 1: Assumptions about the data - "I believe that...."

Step 2: Observations about the data - "I can see that..."

Step 3: Inferences about the data - "I wonder if this means that..."

Step 4: Validations about the data - "Other data confirms that...."

Step 5: Implications about the data - "Based on the data, we should...."



The Public Schools of Dover & Sherborn

Regional School Committee Meeting November 8, 2022

Superintendent Update



General Update



- Parent Conferences
- Radium Girls
- Fall Sports

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Elizabeth M. McCoy, Superintendent Denton Conklin, Assistant Superintendent



Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator Kate McCarthy, Director of Student Services

TO:

Regional School Committee

FROM:

Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator

DATE:

November 4, 2022

RE:

FY23 Approved Warrants

The following Accounts Payable Warrants were approved by one of the Committee's designated signers:

Voucher #		Date	Amount		
	1065	10/7/2022	\$99,659.62		
	1074	10/19/2022	\$110,722.45		
	1083	10/28/2022	\$153,887.89		
	1084	10/29/2022	\$385,466.14		
	1085	11/2/2022	\$196,701.38		

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TO:

Regional School Committee

FROM:

Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator

RE:

FY23 Operating Update

DATE:

November 4, 2022

Attached please find:

a. General Fund Revenues as of October 31, 2022

- b. Status of Appropriations as of October 31, 2022
- c. Supplemental Information for Healthcare Costs

Revenues

There are no material variances to report at this time. Chapter 70 and 71 revenue projections reflect the final Cherry Sheet amounts. The small variance in Chapter 70 is due to student enrollment in school choice districts and charter schools that were not included in preliminary cherry sheets. Chapter 71 revenues reflect a 73% reimbursement rate based on the transportation costs reported in our FY22 End of Year Report (EOYR). We are projecting no variances in athletics or activity fees. We will review all activities as the year progresses and adjust projections accordingly.

Operating Expenditures

Salaries

We have encumbered the majority of salaries for FY23. Most stipends have been recorded with the exception of winter and spring coaching positions; these are encumbered prior to each season. Post-FY23 Budget staffing changes have resulted in both small negative and positive variances in several line items. Leaves occurring during the year will continue to impact some of these variances. The Districtwide Information Mgmt line reflects the current vacancy of our data manager position. This position should be filled within the next month and associated salaries encumbered. We currently have two open custodian positions but have continued contracting with an outside facilities company to outsource these positions. These costs are being reflected in the Custodial & Grounds Services line item. Custodial overtime and substitute costs are expensed as incurred.

As discussed in October, the Status of Appropriations reflects the costs of an Interim Athletic Trainer in the salaries line item at the same amount as we had in the expenditures line item for contracted services (\$40,000). The market rate for a full-time trainer however exceeded this amount and the remaining salary costs are being covered by the Athletic Revolving Fund for FY23. It is our intention to budget for this position as an added FTE in the FY24 Budget.

Expenditures

At this time we are not projecting any material variances in operating expenses. We have encumbered projected healthcare costs and utilities in the October financials. As you know, utility costs have been on the rise over the last year. Our supply costs for electricity and gas are fixed within energy procurement contracts. We are currently paying .1031/kwh for electricity (through November 2023) and as of November 1st, .6820/therms for gas, down from our last contracted amount of .777/therms. Our electricity supply rate as of December 2023 will be .1481/kwh reflecting a 40% increase in supply costs. For FY24, we are initially projecting a \$40,000 increase in supply costs. We will be further analyzing both projected supply and delivery costs for utilities as we prepare for the FY24 budget.

Healthcare costs at this time are projected to be within our budgeted amounts. The current projection for our contribution to the OPEB fund is \$175,000. We are providing additional financial information regarding healthcare for your review (see attached) as it also serves as a budget primer for FY24.

Capital Project Update

We had two sets of capital projects approved for FY23 – the Roof Restoration Project funded through an IMA and several other smaller projects funded with E&D as approved by the Committee. Below is a status summary of each one:

- 1. Roof Restoration Project at a cost of \$1,572,000 This project started as soon as school ended and is substantially completed as of this week. There is a small punch list of items to be completed. Aerial views of the buildings involved are attached for your insight into the work completed. We did encounter one minor structural issue at Lindquist which is currently being evaluated by engineers. We will cover any additional costs of this work within our FY23 operating budget.
- 2. High School Floor Replacement at a cost of \$85,000 The installation took place in July and included classrooms in the English/Social Studies wing. This completes the floor replacement work in this wing outside of two work room/storage spaces. Those floors are still in good condition and not in need of replacement.
- 3. *Lindquist Security Access System* at a cost of \$30,000 This project has been ongoing since the summer. Final programming work is underway and the system should be in full operation by the end of the month.
- 4. High School Boiler Replacements at a cost of \$350,000 This project is in the research stage as we continue to investigate the most energy efficient and sustainable options versus a like-model replacement. We are working with the Town Sustainability Groups, keeping open our options for Green Community and other related grant opportunities.

FY22 Wrap-up

The Region's EOYR has been filed with DESE. We are required to undergo a compliance audit each year to ensure our data reporting is in-line with their directives. This will take place prior to the March 31st filing deadline. Our auditors are nearing completion of their field work. New to our District this year is the requirement to undergo a Single Federal Audit for FY22 due to federal funds received exceeding the single audit threshold of \$750,000. This was primarily due to federal funding of school lunch for all students. Revenues from school lunch were approximately \$470,000. We plan to present the audited financial statements and related reports to the committee in the January/February timeframe depending on their completion.

Our E&D was certified on October 25, 2022 at an amount of \$1,181,215. This represents 4.37% of the allowed amount (capped at 5%).

FY24 Budget

Throughout the FY23 Business Office Reports we have been making notations of financial impacts for the FY24 budget. **In addition, we are sharing additional insight into healthcare costs.** We hope this will facilitate your budget review process which will begin with the presentation of the first draft in December.

We will be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have at Tuesday's meeting.

Dover-Sherborn Regional School District General Fund Revenues

as of October 31, 2022

	FY23	YTD	EST. TO BE	OPERATING	<u>% OF</u>
	BUDGET	RECEIVED	RECEIVED	VARIANCE	BUDGET
DOVER ASSESSMENTS	\$12,959,396	\$4,165,596	\$8,793,800	\$0	0.00%
SHERBORN ASSESSMENTS	10,493,873	3,373,764	7,120,109	\$0	0.00%
CHAPTER 70, net	2,492,893	2,179,949	307,221	(\$5,723)	-0.23% *
CHAPTER 71 (Transportation)	571,651	0	598,848	\$27,197	4.76% *
H/S ATHLETIC FEES	284,750	134,050	150,700	\$0	0.00%
H/S PARKING FEES	52,500	36,700	15,800	\$0	0.00%
H/S ACTIVITY FEE	22,500	7,500	15,000	\$0	0.00%
M/S ACTIVITY FEE	11,250	3,825	7,425	\$0	0.00%
MISC REVENUE	5,000	305	4,695	\$0	0.00%
BANK INTEREST	20,000	9,450	10,550	\$0	0.00%
NON-CASH ACTIVITY	0	0	0	\$0	na
E&D UTILIZATION	110,000	0	110,000	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$27,023,813	\$9,911,139	\$17,134,148	\$21,474	0.08%

^{*} Based on final FY23 Cherry Sheet

Dover-Sherborn Regional School District

Status of Appropriations as of October 31, 2022 **OPERATING EXPENDED** TOTAL VARIANCE/ % OF FY23 **BUD. REMAINING BUDGET** SALARIES BUDGET **ENCUMBRANCES** PROJECTED THRU 10/31 -0.98% 22,770 (221)SCHOOL COMMITTEE 22,549 7,220 15,550 200,449 6,329 3.06% 71,273 SUPERINTENDENT 206,778 129,176 207,810 65,341 122,194 187,535 20,275 9.76% **BUSINESS AND FINANCE** DISTRICTWIDE INFORMATION MGMT 238,142 76,493 120,081 196,574 41,568 17.46% 555,796 157,278 405,359 562,637 (6,841)-1.23% SPED/GUIDANCE ADMINISTRATION SCHOOL LEADERSHIP - BUILDING 747,501 237,643 495,788 733,430 14,070 1.88% 3,086 2.09% 144,370 ACADEMIC LEADERS/QPO 147,456 1,212 143,158 8,158,163 56,754 0.56% 10,154,319 TEACHERS, CLASSROOM 10,211,074 1,996,157 TEACHERS, SPED 1,851,527 346 913 1,406,326 1,753,239 98,288 5.31% 62,415 51.46% **SUBSTITUTES** 121,300 32,237 26,648 58,885 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS, SPED** 524,474 98,348 422,278 520,626 3,848 0.73% 240,482 51,957 190,773 242,730 (2,248)-0.93% **LIBRARIANS** 6,413 16.76% 31,838 **BUILDING BASED PD** 38,250 31,838 0 899,073 1,136,643 (39,840)-3.63% 1,096,804 237,571 **GUIDANCE** 228,022 (897)-0.39% **PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES** 227,125 43,850 184 172 -2.22% MEDICAL / HEALTH SERVICES 226,160 45,381 185,798 231,179 (5,019)316,353 149,379 32.07% **ATHLETICS** 465,732 153,896 162,458 6.52% OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES 184,559 0 172,535 172,535 12,024 486,230 721,828 74,370 9 34% **CUSTODIAL & GROUNDS SERVICES** 796,198 235,599 \$493,754 2.73% 13,725,758 \$ 17,615,962 18,109,716 3,890,204 **TOTAL SALARIES EXPENDITURES** 32,406 40,882 (382)-0.94% SCHOOL COMMITTEE 40,500 8,476 30.17% 55,000 16,207 22,200 38,406 16,594 SUPERINTENDENT 34.21% 17,500 25,000 13,000 38,000 7,500 LEGAL SERVICES 39.08% 19,967 61,664 39,561 DISTRICTWIDE INFO MGMT 101,225 41,697 31,156 38.94% 80,000 16,660 32,184 48.844 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP - BUILDING 10,050 16,439 11,746 41.67% CLASSROOM SUPPLIES 28,185 6,389 53,759 66,241 55.20% 120,000 19,929 33,830 SPED SERVICES/SUPPLIES 3,869 515 4,384 391 8.18% LIBRARIES & MEDIA CENTER 4,775 COURSE REIMBURSEMENT/PD 92,900 25,567 18,185 43,752 49,148 52.90% 28,750 33.17% 50,175 57,930 **TEXTBOOKS & RELATED SOFTWARE** 86,680 7,755 17,351 58.22% LIBRARY INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL 29,800 12,299 150 12,449 27,062 49,042 26,058 34.70% 75,100 21,980 INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT 70,061 43.70% 160,325 65,661 24,603 90,264 GENERAL SUPPLIES 11,850 7,650 39.23% OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES 19,500 3,050 8,800 CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL TECH. 160,806 2,672 163,477 (16,077)-10.91% 147,400 62.50% 34,590 12,816 156 12,971 21,619 6,578 74.75% 273 2,222 1,950 MEDICAL / HEALTH SERVICES 8,800 1,023,999 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES 303 1,024,302 6,498 0.63% 1,030,800 56,352 59,093 115,444 109,056 48.58% ATHI FTICS 224,500 22,748 35,252 60.78% **CUSTODIAL SERVICES** 58,000 17,879 4,869 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS 567,900 104,840 240,455 345,295 222,605 39 20% 51 99% 28,809 31,191 MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS 60,000 24,001 4,807 0.54% 479,750 557,226 3,024 UTILITIES 560,250 77,476 789,211 789,211 16,289 2.02% ER RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION 805,500 0 72,628 2.63% ER INSURANCE ACTIVE EMPLOYEES 903,004 1,786,618 2,689,622 2,762,250 ER INSURANCE RETIRED EMPLOYEES 795,000 216,431 578,569 795,000 0 0.00% -0.18% OTHER NON EMPLOYEE INSURANCE 91,917 92,083 0 92,083 (166)0.00% 790,000 0 LONG TERM DEBT RETIREMENT 790,000 0 790,000 0 45,200 45,200 0 0.00% 45,200 LONG TERM DEBT SERVICE 9.94% \$5,271,668 \$8,028,277 \$885,820 TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$8,914,097 \$2,756,608

\$6,646,813

\$27,023,813

TOTAL OPERATING

\$18,997,426

\$25,644,239

\$1,379,574

5.11%

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Healthcare Costs Key Data Points and Budget Drivers

Active Employees

- Current distribution of subscribers by plan is : 48% HPHC, 38% BCBS and 14% Tufts
- 59% on Benchmark plans, 41% on High-Deductible plans(HDHP)
- HDHP currently contribute 50% of deductible into healthcare savings account (HSA); \$1,000/\$2,000 individual/family
- HDHP gross premiums are 19-29% lower than benchmark premiums; effective rates for employers after HSA contributions are 9-20% savings over benchmark costs
- Experienced savings in BCBS premiums for existing subscribers with the move of all West Suburban Healthcare Group subscribers to Fallon Healthcare
- Continue to have 3-5 employees annually elect the Opt-Out Provision
- Avg. employer costs of an individual plan is \$8,000, a family plan is \$20,500
- Rates for FY24 are planned to be approved in mid-December

Retirees

- As of January 1, 2023 there is a 50/50 cost share (final year of phase-in)
- Approved rates for calendar year 2023 represent a 0%-4.2% increase
- Majority of retirees had 0% premium increase but all had the 5% cost share increase
- Maintaining cost share savings in the operating budget to fund OPEB contribution no direct increase to the Towns for this initiative

Dover-Sherborn Regional School Committee

Meeting of October 11, 2022

Members Present: Judi Miller

Lynn Collins Kate Potter Angie Johnson

1) Call to Order

Judi Miller called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm in the Middle School Library.

1) Community Comments - none

2) Reports

- Superintendant Report Beth McCoy presented an update from her office including information on her weekly building visits, Open Houses, the Special Education review, Entry Plan progress, Equity Audit update, and initial review of MCAS scores.
- Assistant Superintendant Report Denny Conklin spoke about the most recent Best Practices Profession Development day.
- DSHS Principal Report John Smith highlighted recent and upcoming events at the high school. Also, Alex Martinovitch and Margaret Bowles spoke about an app they created to score XC meets (and Track meets). They are donating any funds they receive for use/customization of the app to the Science Club for Girls in Boston which offers free STEM classes to girls.
- DSMS Principal Report David Lawrence highlighted recent and upcoming events at the middle school.
- Warrant Report

3) Financial Reports: FY23 Monthly Report

- General Revenues there are no material variances to report.
- Salaries the majority of salaries for FY22 have been encumbered as well as the stipends
 for fall coaching positions. Custodial overtime and substitute costs are expensed as
 incurred. The Status of Appropriations reflects the costs of an Interim Athletic Trainer in
 the salaries line item at the same amount as the total cost for contracted services
 (\$40,000). The market rate for a full-time trainer exceeded this amount and the remaining
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 funded int eh FY24 Budget.
- Expenditures there are no material variances projected at this time.
- Capital Projects:
 - Roof Restoration Project the project started as soon as school ended and is substantially completed, with just a small punch list left to be done.
 - *E&D Funded projects -* all projects are substantially completed except for the High School Boiler replacement
- FY22 Wrap up the EOYR has been filed with DESE. The Region's auditors are scheduled to being their field work on October 12th.
- 4) October Enrollment Report provided as required.
- 5) MASC Review of Policies The Policy Subcommittee has recommended a comprehensive policy manual review with Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC). It has been 10 years since the last review. The fee for this service is \$10,500 which can be split over three fiscal years. The cost would further be divided between the Region, Dover, and Sherborn on a 60-20-20 basis.

Lynn Collins made a motion to approve the MASC contract as presented. Kate Potter seconded.

DRAFT

22-18 VOTE: 4 - 0

6) Consent Agenda

• Approval of Minutes: September 13, 2022

Lynn Collins made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Angie Johnson seconded. 22-19 VOTE: 4 - 0

7) Communication

- TEC Capital Reserve Fund
- Dover School Committee minutes of June 7, 2022
- Sherborn School Committee minutes of June 14, 2022
- Academic Testing Report
- 8) Items for November 15, 2022 meeting
- 2) Adjournment at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis



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John G. Smith, Principal Ann Dever-Keegan, Assistant Principal Ellen Chagnon, Director of Guidance Emily Sullivan, Athletic Director

TO: Elizabeth McCoy, Superintendent FROM: John G. Smith, Principal, DSHS RE: Principal's Monthly Report

DATE: November 8th, 2022

Principal's Reflections:

We have set the date for our Seminar Day which will take place on Friday March 24th during the school day. We will begin the day with four new inductees to the Dover Sherborn Hall of Distinguished Service. This will be the first class of inductees since 2019. After the whole school assembly, students and faculty will attend a number of seminar presentations from a wide range of careers and passions. We have announced the date to our DS families and encourage names to be put forward for consideration on this day. If School Committee members have potential names to submit, please email the principal at smithj@doversherborn.org. A special thanks to DSEF for funding this invaluable educational experience for our students.

Over the past few months, a number of parents, teachers, guidance counselors, faith leaders as well as members of law enforcement and the high school administration have met to discuss reinstituting the SPANS DS Network (Dover Sherborn Substance Prevention and Awareness Network) This organization was originally developed a number of years ago by community stakeholders to examine strategies to educate students, parents and the school community on the current trends relating to alcohol, drugs and other dangerous behaviors. We currently meet monthly and are planning a series of events this year including speakers, presentations, parent coffees and an updated parent guide. Last spring a kickoff evening took place with law enforcement and school officials discussing current issues both in school and out of school. This is such important work that needs to be done as a whole school community. I will continue to update the School Committee as events unfold.

HS Events:

Wednesday November 2nd- Boston parents/caregivers evening- 6:30 PM First Church Roxbury Thursday November 3rd-Saturday November 5th- Fall Play Radium Girls

Tuesday November 8th- Election Day

Friday November 11th- Veterans Day No School

Monday November 14th-Friday November 18th- Spirit Week/Fall Rally

Wednesday November 23rd- Early Release- Thanks giving Break

Thursday November 24th- Friday November 25th Thanksgiving Break (Homework/assignment free weekend)

Monday November 28th- No School for students- Full Day PD for faculty

Monday November 28th- Start of winter sports

Curriculum:

School Committee Report Math Department, October 2022

The Math Department welcomed two new teachers to our department this fall! Lily Martini is teaching PreCalculus and Algebra 1, and Delaney Secrest is teaching Geometry and Algebra 2. They are working hard to learn about our school and students, and are adjusting nicely to their new environment.







Delaney Secrest

We once again dressed up for Halloween, harkening back to a fond memory of childhood (for our students) by picking characters from Toy Story! We chose this theme because it is playful, recognizable, and shows how people (toys) of all types can unite and work together for the betterment of the whole community. And it can be seen as math related in that in many of our classes (with reference to limits) we discuss the idea of going to infinity.... And beyond!



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Everyone in our department uses Google Classroom to keep students apprised of due dates and upcoming assessments. Some teachers are having students continue to turn in work via this platform while others are using it more as a means of communication of important information. Our favorite part about Google Classroom is the ability for students to have clear due dates for all assessments and assignments so they can plan their time accordingly.

The ability to give extra help during Flex block (nicknamed "Flextra Help") at the end of each school day is invaluable. Our students are taking great advantage of this opportunity, using it to ask for help, make up missed work or assessments, and get to know their teacher a little better. A typical day in the math hall during flex block looks something like this:





Our newest class, Financial Literacy, continues to be a great choice for a math elective option for our 11th and 12th grade students. We would like to see even more students choose this elective in addition to their traditional math courses as it enriches the math they've learned throughout their time in high school. We continue to search for the right pairing, making this into a full year option for some students to fulfill their math requirement. We did some work towards this over the summer, but have not yet found the right class that meets the needs of the students who are looking for an option that would count as one of their four years of math required at Dover Sherborn. Currently our seniors typically take PreCalculus, Statistics or Calculus, and while we think Financial Literacy is a great class to add to those, it would also be nice to have a fourth full year option for those seeking an alternate path through high school math. Our discussions include Discrete Mathematics, the Mathematics of Economics, and Sports in Math, but we have not yet landed on the right fit. Given that we have added three new teachers to our department in the last two years, we would like to be able to allow one of our new members to develop a course about which they

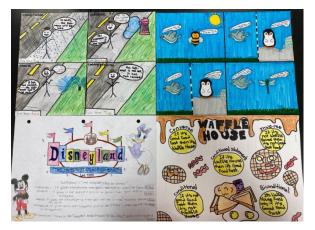
feel passionate. We are hopeful that we will be able to develop a curriculum for another onesemester class and be able to offer it in time for the 2024-2025 school year.

Some of the members of our department, including all our new hires, embrace the flipped classroom style of learning in some of our classes. We decided to start the school year with this model based on which classes we felt it worked best for in the last two years, including Calculus Honors, PreCalculus CP1, and Algebra 2 at the Honors and CP1 levels. Some classes, such as Geometry CP1 and Algebra 2 CP2, are planning to introduce the flip later in the year as we feel it is beneficial to learn how to use videos as a tool of learning rather than just a supplementary experience. The teachers who are planning to introduce it as the year progresses have taught under both models. They are finding that students in the flipped classroom model report having great success with applying their knowledge to new problems because they are being asked to engage with the material in an active way. The teams of teachers who are teaching with the flipped classroom model have at least one team member who taught with it in the past. These pairings of those who've done it before and those who are new to it are adding a new dynamic and perspective to the model, making it the best learning experience it can be for all involved. It is also exciting to work with our new teachers and have their feedback about how they see their role in what is not seen as a traditional classroom. We will continue to refine our teaching under this model so we can grow as teachers and encourage our students to grow as learners.



We continue to modify our curriculum based on some lost learning during our years with Covid . To maintain the rigor and depth of our courses, as well as meet the students where they are, we are supplementing some course materials and topics with extra practice and reminders about what they should know from past courses. We are also changing the amount of time we are spending in some units over others based on what students are coming into a course already knowing. All of our modifications are being put into place in order to provide a strong foundation for all our students

moving forward. Many of our classes incorporate projects that allow students to showcase their abilities in a different way. Our geometry courses recently had a mini project on conditionals, and some geometry students will be completing a line design in the near future. Here are some examples of geometry projects, past and present:





Conditional Cartoon/Slogan

Line Design Project

Some of our Algebra 2 students will be completing a project as well. One option includes exploring imaginary numbers through fractals, and while we do not have this year's samples yet, here are some of the ones from last year that are currently featured on a classroom wall:



One of our department goals this year reflects our desire to learn about our school through the lens of the Equity Audit. We know that adding in the Financial Literacy course and doing projects helps with some of this work, but we are exploring how we can incorporate units in all of our classes that reflect a greater diversity of topics and experiences. We are looking forward to implementing new strategies once we have more training at our professional development day in November.

The Wellness Department has jumped right into the 22-23 school year with some exciting changes and additions to our 6-12 staff. We welcome Mrs. Caitlin Ciminelli and Miss Gianna Napoli to our Middle School Wellness team and Mrs. Alyssa Healey transitioned to a full time Wellness educator at the High School.

The work completed over the summer to prepare our programming changes for this year include Health Topics, a new elective for our Sophomore/Junior/Senior class choices, replacing our Polar Heart Rate Chest Monitors with updated Polar Heart Rate Wrist Watches in grades 6-12 (which the students are really enjoying), unpacking the 2021 Metrowest Adolescent Health Survey results and exploring new avenues for sharing the results with all stakeholders, aligning our 7-9 grade Health Education Curriculum Maps, and reorganizing our High School Weight Room to become a multi-purpose Fitness Center.

Our focus on Curricula changes this year include Best Practices for Student Engagement and using the results from the Equity Audit to explore and integrate diversity and inclusivity to our ever changing practices.

7th and 8th Grade Health Class

This course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote healthy and informed decision making. At the start of the school year, we took a look at how the dimensions of wellness play a role in our daily lives and discussed the importance of healthy habits and lifelong wellness as it relates to goal setting.

The 7th and 8th grade Health Education Units students engage in: Community and Environmental Health, Nutrition, Alcohol/Electronic Vaping Products/Other Drugs, Emotional Health and Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, and Human Sexuality/Healthy Relationships. In this course, students have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge in a variety of ways including individual assignments, group projects, discussions and activities.

9th Grade Health Class

The grade 9 Health classes began the year creating classroom communities; providing all of us an opportunity to learn from each other and set classroom norms together! Woven into the four units: Mental Health, Nutrition, Sexuality and Relationships, and Alcohol and Other Drugs are the principles that we are experts on ourselves, we are not alone in the world (we impact others and others impact us), the world is constantly changing, and we need to practice self-responsibility and self-acceptance.

6th, 7th, 8th Grade Physical Education

Students were excited to hop back into their Unit based learning this fall with the following options and are looking forward to Fall Color Games and Racquet Sports coming up next! We are practicing for the Fitness Gram Pre-Assessment with the goal of a spring Post-Assessment. Students use this opportunity for goal setting in the Physical Education class. We will be sending out the data collected from the Fitness Gram both this fall and spring.

6th Grade Team	7th Grade Team	8th Grade Team
Invasion Sports	Rollerblading	Football

Soccer	Tennis	Field Hockey
Team Handball		Introduction to Heart Rate Monitors
Flag Football		



9th Grade Physical Education

Our 9th grade PE classes are currently following the Project Adventure curriculum which incorporates our "Challenge by Choice" philosophy. Students focus on peer-leadership skills and problem solving while working on team building activities, low ropes and high ropes elements. Second quarter, students will be introduced to our Fitness Development curriculum introducing different workouts within the five dimensions of physical wellness (muscle strength, muscle endurance, cardiovascular endurance, body composition, and flexibility). Our goal is that when students finish the course, they are comfortable with a variety of workouts while understanding basic fitness principles.



Sophomore / Junior / Senior Electives

Our "SJS Elective" model allows for student choice and student voice. Each quarter, students vote on the electives available and the Wellness teachers engage in those electives. The following table outlines the four quarter elective choices that are available for the 2022-2023 school years:

Quarter 1 Quarter 2		Quarter 3 Quarter 4		
RAD (Rape, Aggression, Defense Systems of Self- Defense)	Sport Education Model: Net Sports (Badminton)	RAD (Rape, Aggression, Defense Systems of Self-Defense)	Fitness Walking	
Target Sports: Disc Golf / Archery	Drugs and Society	Sport Education Model: Team Sports (Floor Hockey)	Health Topics	
Sport and Society	CPR and First Aid	Yoga	Muscle Fitness in Weight Room	
Cardiovascular Fitness	What's Next: Life After DS		General Survival	



Guidance:

GUIDANCE NOVEMBER NEWS

Seniors:

By November 15th, 88% of the senior class will have submitted an early application to a college or university.

Freshmen& Sophomore:

Freshmen& Sophomore Parent/Guardian Night was held on October 20th. This year we combined the two grades for the following reasons:

- We wanted to have contact with our sophomore parents earlier in the year as the Sophomore Parent/Guardian evening is in early February.
- The presentations are similar in both grades with the difference being an emphasis on standardized testing in grade 10. We were able to update our presentation to make it applicable to both grades in a balanced manner.
- Combining both grades is allowing us to offer a Standardized Testing presentation to all grades in February, so we removed that from being tied to a grade level.

Counselors reviewed graduation requirements, discussed the MA bullying law and reporting process, gave a brief introduction to Naviance and standardized testing and shared a general overview of guidance services in grades 9-12

Freshmen:

Freshmen Seminars will begin the week of November 7th and run during the second part of

semester one. Counselors are also hosting Meet and Greet small group meetings with all grade 9 students to provide an overview of guidance services and high school requirements while taking time to get to know their students and discuss their transition to the high school.

Sophomores:

Sophomore Individual appointments will begin in January and carry over to mid-February. Sophomore Seminars will be offered during the first half of the second semester.

Juniors:

Junior Individual appointments will be scheduled during late February – mid April and Junior Seminars will take place during the second half of semester two.

PSATs:

PSATs were held at DS on October 15th – 110 juniors and 108 sophomores participated

AP Exam Registration:

Due to the earlier deadlines set by The College Board, students must now register for their AP exams online by November 15th, 2022 to avoid a \$40 late fee per exam (set by the College Board). Many communications have gone out to students and parents via their AP teachers and through guidance emails.

Music and Drama Update:

The drama program kicked off the year with their Fall Play - Radium Girls this past weekend. It told the powerful story of female factory workers as they deal with the tragic health effects of using Radium-based paint in a time when the ill effects were not well known, and how they rise up to fight for worker's rights and important health and safety changes. The Music program started their season with successful Jazz Brunch, with MS and HS jazz bands performing as well as the HS a cappella group Noteworthy and the Regional Chorus. We owe a big thank you to FOPA and FOPA president Lisa Hodson Walker for organizing and hosting this music event. And lastly, acting workshop is mid-way through its initial run as a new elective. Students are sharing small informal performances with prepared scenes they have self-directed, with the hope that at the end of the semester we will share a more open in class performance day to showcase the student's work in the class.

Athletics:

The regular season has concluded for fall sports. The golf team has finished their regular and tournament season. The golf team won the MIAA D3 Central Championship, with junior captain, Sean Scannell, being the medalist for the D3 Central Tournament. The team went on to compete at the D3 MIAA State Tournament in South Hadley and placed 4th overall to Weston, Martha's Vineyard, and Sandwich. Sean Scannell went on to compete in the New England tournament on October 31st with the best individual golfers from the New England area. The tournament starts for all teams other than golf on Friday, November 4th. All seven of our teams

are competing in the fall tournament! A recap of the regular season records, championships, and awards can be found below:

TVL Small Champions: Golf Field Hockey Football Girls Cross Country

TVL Small MVPs:
Margaret Bowles Girls Cross Country
Sean Scannell Golf
Waverly Sumner Girls Soccer
Football TBD
Field Hockey TBD

TVL Coach of the Year: Evren Gunduz Girls Soccer Toni Milbourn Girls Cross Country Jon Kirby Golf Field Hockey TBD Football TBD

Varsity Regular Season Records and MIAA State Wide Rankings: 8-0 Football - #8 in D5
13-1-4 Field Hockey - #4 in D3
11-4-3 Girls Soccer - #8 in D3
10-5-3 Boys Soccer - #7 in D3
5-0 Girls Cross Country
4-1 Boys Cross Country
12-3 Golf

MIAA Tournament Results:

Golf: MIAA D3 Central Champions, MIAA D3 State Tournament 4th place The winter season will start on Monday, November 28th. We currently have about 200 student athletes signed up for one of our 13 winter sports offered.

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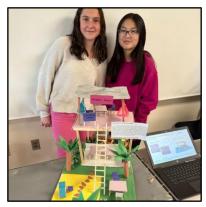
TO: Elizabeth McCoy, Superintendent FROM: David Lawrence, Principal, DSMS RE: Administrator's Monthly Report

DATE: November 08, 2022

Principal's Reflections

This school year, one of the priorities at the middle school (and district-wide) is to support teachers to increase the depth of learning and engagement in our students' classroom experiences. I wanted to take a minute to share just two wonderful examples that I happened to have the pleasure to observe recently.

The first was in **Sandra Sammarco's** 8th Grade Engineering classes. On Friday, they shared their "Community Center" projects with parents, staff, and other students. These projects were extraordinary! Each pair of students selected a community somewhere in the world (ranging from Madagascar to Cambodia to Jamaica to Bennington, VT!), researched their community's unique characteristics and needs, and designed a Community Center that would help bring their community together. Students designed their community centers, drafted 2D blueprints (by hand) and 3D images (CAD), and scale models (see photos below), and prepared slide presentations with all the details of their creations. The students couldn't wait to share details of their work - each group was articulate and passionate about their designs, and it is clear that they learned so much from their work, including engineering skills, info about another culture and geography, as well as teamwork! (See photos below)







The second example was from **Tom Duprey's** 7th grade General Music class on Monday. Groups of 4-5 students worked together over the past several weeks to write original blues compositions - music and lyrics - and performed them to an eager audience of parents and other visitors. The students sang and jammed on instruments (pianos, keyboards, guitars, bass, etc.) - some of whom had never played these instruments until just a few weeks ago. They all sang and played with confidence and passion, and clearly enjoyed themselves (as did the audience!). What a wonderful opportunity to develop their creativity, collaboration skills, and their musical chops, as well as figure out what special contribution they could make to their band.

I know that these are just two small examples of some of the wonderful experiences our teachers are

working to create for our students. The depth of student engagement and learning was truly a wonder to behold, and I could almost see the "portrait of a graduate" coming to life before my eyes. Bavo to Sandra and Tom, to their students, and to all of our teachers who are working so hard to engage our students in their learning! (see photos below)







DSMS School Advisory Council

We launched our DSMS School Advisory Council this week with a wide assortment of parents, community members, and MS staff members: David Lawrence (Principal), Tawny Desjardins (Community Member), Kimberly Paster (Community Member), Erin Newman (Faculty), Brett McCoy (Faculty), Wendy Lutz (Faculty), Mary Memmott (Faculty), Ingrid Reyes (Parent - Boston), Raechel Hwang (Parent - Dover), Tindley Gilbert, (Parent - Dover), Jennifer Debin (Parent - Sherborn), Meg Hyde (Parent - Sherborn), Maggie Charron (RSC). It seems like a terrific group, and we will all benefit from their diverse perspectives and ideas!

Curriculum/PD

As part of our efforts to improve our capacity to meet the needs of all our students, and further develop our Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), we've enrolled the middle school in DESE's Tiered Literacy Academy, a partnership between DESE and consultant Katie Novak. This is a three year program which will provide us with a deep level of support and professional development, and will allow us to accelerate the supports we provide our students in reading and writing skills. It's a "train the trainer" program, with monthly seminars for Principal Lawrence, Asst. Principal Sockalosky, and Reading Specialist Emily Daly, who will also be enrolled in a graduate level course this spring that she will then be able to teach to staff members in the following two years! It's an exciting program, and should prove to be a great resource as we work to improve our capacity to support all students.

Upcoming Dates

- Thursday, November 10th: Staff "Harvest Throwdown" A savory and sweet staff bakeoff!
- Friday, November 11th: Veterans Day
- Wednesday, November 16th: Equity Audit Community Forum
- November 23rd (early release) through November 25th: Thanksgiving
- Monday, November 28th: Full Day PD Equity
- Friday, December 2nd: METCO Conference several admins and teachers attending

Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, October 12th Annual 6th grade Parent Evening (run by our counseling dept)
- Thursday, October 27th Parent/Teacher Conferences in evening (via video conference)

 Wednesday, November 2nd - Early Release Day - Parent/Teacher Conferences (in-person)
[Please excuse the abbreviated report - I've been sick for the past week and just returned. Thanks!]

Sherborn School Committee

Meeting of September 20, 2022

Members Present: Amanda Brown

Dennis Quandt Sangita Rousseau Kristen Aberle Christine Walsh

Also Present: Beth McCoy, Superintendent

Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent Dawn Fattore, Business Administrator

1) Call to Order

Amanda Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm in the Middle School Choral Room.

2) Community Comments - none

3) Reports

- Superintendent's Report Beth McCoy presented an update from her office including information about the recent Leadership Retreat and Opening Convocation with the faculty/staff. Beth McCoy and Dawn Fattore provided an update on the capacity and staffing for the Extended Day Program.
- Assistant Superintendent's Report Denny Conklin spoke about his first few months on the job including entry plan meetings and classroom visits.
- Principal's Report Dr. Brown highlighted recent and upcoming events at Pine Hill.
- · Warrant Report

4) FY22 Budget Closeout

- Salaries the year ended with a small positive variance of \$6,182.
- Operating Expenditures there was a small negative variance of \$4,854.
- Out of District costs exceeded budget by approximately \$77,000 with \$66,000 from tuition costs due to unbudgeted placements and \$11,000 from transportation.
 Approximately \$60,000 of these costs were allocated to the Circuit Breaker Fund leaving a negative variance of \$16,126.
- Additional Fund from Town of Sherborn based on the unbudgeted increase in fuel adjustments for in-district transportation as well as the additional transportation added for SPED students, additional appropriations were requested. Funding of \$15,000 was approved by both the Sherborn Advisory and Select Board in July. The adjusted result of operations for FY22 is \$202.

5) Consent Agenda

• Approval of Minutes: June 14, 2022

Dennis Quandt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Christine Walsh seconded. 22-13 VOTE: 5 - 0

6) Communications

- 2022-23 Meeting Calendar
- Subcommittee Assignments
- Dover Sherborn Regional Committee minutes of June 7, 2022
- Dover School Committee minutes of May 16, 2022
- 7) Items for October 18, 2022 meeting
- 8) Adjournment at 6:42 pm.

Approved 10/18/2022

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis

Dover School Committee

Meeting of September 27, 2022

Members Present: Sara Gutierrez-Dunn

Colleen Burt Jeff Cassidy Liz Grossman Goli Sepehr

Also Present: Elizabeth McCoy, Superintendent

Denny Conklin, Assistant Superintendent

Dawn Fattore, Business Manager

Deb Reinemann, Principal

1) Call to Order

Sara Gutierrez-Dunn called the meeting to order in the Chickering School Library at 7:02 pm.

- 2) Community Comments none
- 3) Dover PTO Tindley Gilbert, PTO President, gave an overview of the work done this summer to prepare for this school year's activities.

4) Reports

- Superintendent Update Beth McCoy presented an update from her office including information about the recent Leadership Retreat and Opening Convocation with the faculty/staff.
- Assistant Superintendant Report Denny Conklin spoke about his first few months on the job including entry plan meetings and classroom visits.
- Principal's Report Dr. Reinemann reviewed her report and answered questions.
- Warrant Report

5) FY22 Budget Closeout

- Salaries the year ended with a negative variance of \$102,154.
- Expenditures there was a small positive variance of \$5,846.
- Out-of-District as a result of Circuit Breaker reimbursement the total turn back to the Town was \$1,004,497.

6) Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes: June 7, 2022

Jeff Cassidy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Liz Grossman seconded. 22-13 VOTE: 5 - 0

7) Communications

- 2022-23 Meeting Calendar
- Subcommittee Assignments
- Dover Sherborn Regional School Committee Minutes of June 14, 2022
- Sherborn School Committee Minutes of June 14, 2022
- 8) Adjournment at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Davis