Superintendent's PIE Meeting Thursday, February 9, 2023 11:00 a.m. Remote Meeting

Superintendent Crozier opened the meeting at 11:01 a.m. and welcomed all who were present on Zoom.

Updates included:

- Haynes Principal Search is narrowed down to 6 candidates. Interviews are taking place next week.
- The Curtis Middle School has concluded its student workshops on Microaggression. These were brought to us by Urban Improv and aligns with the equity work being done in the District.
- The Curtis MathCounts team won 2nd place in the Metro West Chapter Competition.
- DESE has invited 4 student groups from Curtis Middle School to participate in the Massachusetts Civic Showcase this Spring.
- The Loring playground play surface has shown some "wrinkling" and we are addressing this as a warranty issue. The installer is coming out tomorrow to fix the playground temporarily so that the playground can be reopened. A permanent fix will come later in the Spring.
- The School Committee voted to approve the SPS FY24 budget which is \$745,460.00 higher than the Town Manager's Guidance. We presented areas of reduction in the event the override fails. The two biggest areas impacted are transportation and class size. The Select Board will consider a vote tonight to put our proposed override on the March ballot.

Questions from participants included:

- How, as a community, can we support the schools with the override consideration.
- What is the breakdown of how the override will work? Can they try to meet the gap halfway or is it all or nothing?
- How is the cost of living included in the budget recommended by the town?
- Now that Lincoln Sudbury is looking for a new Principal / Superintendent, are there things we can do better to help transition our 8th graders to the high school.
- How are decisions with respect to math leveling in middle school made? What is the rationale for putting kids in certain classes and who makes those decisions?
- How are kids being adequately challenged that are proficient / excelling?

Mr. Crozier ended the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

The next Superintendent PIE meeting will be held on Thursday, March 9th at 10:00 a.m. A reminder will be sent via email with the remote meeting link.