

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF MEETING –SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
(Please visit the WPS website for detailed and official meeting minutes.)

- Student Representative to the School Committee (SC), Darci Coleman, reported on academic, athletic and extracurricular activities at Walpole High School (WHS).
- Principals and the Preschool Director reported on the successful opening of schools.
 - All administrators expressed gratitude and appreciation for the hard work school custodians and the Walpole DPW perform not just during the summer but throughout the year.
- The SC unanimously voted to appoint Kristen Syrek to serve on the Walpole Media TV Committee.
- The SC unanimously voted to increase the Student Activity Cap for the high school, middle school and each elementary school.
- The SC unanimously voted to appoint Nancy Gallivan and Beth Muccini to serve on a newly formed Norfolk County Sheriff's Task Force to collaborate on issues around juvenile substance abuse and mental health issues.
- Dr. Gough gave an update with respect to:
 - The first 10 days of school, have been completed, including PAC Meetings held, some of which were attended by the Superintendent, SC Members and Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Gough remarked that she is impressed with the dedication of our parents in support of our children and our schools. Leadership goals and objectives have been implemented and will be reported on throughout the school year. The Superintendent will be going out to all schools on a rotating basis to meet with principals, discuss progress, and visit classrooms.
 - The following capital budget items were approved by the Capital Committee:
 - WHS Infrastructure Assessment
 - 3-year ChromeBook purchase
 - Security camera updates at Boyden, Elm & WHS
 - Technology infrastructure improvements
 - The next step in the process is to meet with the Finance Committee, culminating with a final vote at the Fall Town Meeting.
 - The Fales, Leach, Rogers and Kunde Scholarship applications will be available on our District Website and at the Superintendent's Office beginning on October 1, 2019. These applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2019. Per long standing agreements, the scholarships are available to current college students only. All graduates of WHS who are currently attending college are strongly encouraged to apply for these scholarships.
 - Last year \$88,800 was distributed to 72 students.
 - A summary of enrollment numbers was provided. Walpole welcomed 3,750 students back to school. Class sizes average in the range of 20 students in elementary classes. Middle school classes are in the range of 25 students.
 - Dr. Gough reminded the SC that building tours will be held on Tuesday evening, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. and Friday morning, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. The tours will begin at WHS. The purpose of the tours is to point out recent capital improvements and offer the opportunity for town board members to experience current conditions in our schools.
- The SC voted to approve Policy JLC – Student Health Services and Requirements.
- The next regular SC Meeting will be September 26, 2019.