

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2023
Virtual Meeting

Members Present:

Silvia Nerssessionian, Chair
Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair
Nicole Burnard
Mandy Sim
Sarah Troiano

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources
Kim Swain, Assistant Superintendent
Stephanie Juriansz, Director of Student Services

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Silvia Nerssessionian opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1. Opening Statement / Regular Session
 - a. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian performed a roll call and made an announcement that the session is being recorded, shared live for the public to see and hear and there should be no expected right to privacy, as this is a public forum. Nicole Burnard, Sarah Troiano, Silvia Nerssessionian and Meredith Gerson all affirmed in the positive.

2. Public Comment
 - a. None

Mandy Sim joined the meeting.

3. Business and Policy Matters
 - a. FY25 Budget Workshop and Review
 - i. Superintendent Crozier shared that Stephanie Juriansz, Director of Student Services, will be providing an overview of the proposed Pre-K program expansion. Highlights of her presentation included the rationale for why the expansion is being considered which resulted from staff surveys, community surveys, and collaboration with other districts in response to needs in the community. The expansion would include one additional classroom.
 - ii. Questions from the Committee included clarity and details on the assessment that was done in regard to family needs, will the expansion address waitlist considerations, alignment of hours with the elementary schools and transportation concerns. Additional questions surrounded tuition costs, schedule changes, space concerns, and how many additional spaces will open up.
 - iii. Superintendent Crozier then reviewed the budget development process which includes considerations with contractual obligations, enrollment, strategic initiatives and level services to be offered.

- iv. Enrollment concerns are causing the need to consider the addition of 3 proposed sections next year. Questions from the Committee surrounded the proposed additions, where they would be, what average class sizes would be, and whether these proposed additions are included in the base budget.
- v. He then reviewed base budget items and Tier 1 budget initiatives while sharing that budget drivers cover salaries, cost of living adjustments, additional classroom sections, additional staffing and recovery supports previously funded by ESSER and ARPA grants.
- vi. Questions from the Committee surrounded the number of positions supporting student needs and recovery, clarity on summer programming sizing and transportation as well as budget costs related to the Pre-K program. Additional questions surrounded clarification on amounts associated with Tier 1 initiatives, an understanding of stipend break downs and clarity on curriculum funding.

b. Future Agenda Items

- i. None

c. Minutes (November 6, 2023)

- i. Vice Chair Meredith Gerson moves to approve the open session meeting minutes from the November 6, 2023 meeting as amended. Sarah Troiano seconded the motion.

1. ROLL CALL VOTE

- a. Meredith Gerson: Aye
- b. Nicole Burnard: Aye
- c. Mandy Sim: Aye
- d. Sarah Troiano: Aye
- e. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
- i. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

4. Adjournment

- a. Chair Silvia Nerssessionian moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Meredith Gerson seconded the motion.

i. ROLL CALL VOTE

- 1. Meredith Gerson: Aye
- 2. Nicole Burnard: Aye
- 3. Mandy Sim: Aye
- 4. Sarah Troiano: Aye
- 5. Silvia Nerssessionian: Aye
- a. **Vote:** 5-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Julie Williams
 Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the December 7, 2023 School Committee Meeting

- 1. SPS_InitialBudgetOverview_25
- 2. DRAFT Memorandum for SC Preschool 2024-2025

3. 110623_Sudbury School Committee Minutes_DRAFT