

BELMONT SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REMOTE MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2021

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DATE: February 2, 2022
TIME: 9:08 AM

Present: Mr. Michael Crowley, FSC Chair
Ms. Meghan Moriarty, Secretary
Mr. Jamal Saeh
Mr. John Phelan, Superintendent (left the meeting at 8:15 am)
Mr. Anthony DiCologero, Director of Finance, Business and Operations

Ms. Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent

1. Call to Order 8:03 am by Mike Crowley

Jamal Saeh asked whether the FSC meetings can be recorded and televised for the public. John Phelan believes it is a capacity issue for BMC but GSuite will be able to add capacity soon. He and Chair Checkoway will follow up with BMC.

2. FY22 Update: Monthly Report

The monthly report from 12/1/21 was presented to the SC with nothing remarkable of note. The line for tent rental remains because the tents will be rented again this Spring. Tony let the SC know the Adult Education line item which stands at \$14,000 will be removed from the SC budget and transferred to the Recreation Department this year.

3. FY22 Update: Building-based Needs

Superintendent Phelan asked building principals to create lists of needs to get them through day-to-day for the remainder of this year that could be realized with a reallocation of resources given the Q1 staff exchange numbers, which fell between \$250-300K. A prioritized list of needs and positions was presented for each school and discussed by the FSC and the SD.

The SC would like to see data about class size and ratios to better understand why classes are being added when about 7% of classes have fewer than 15 students. The SD was asked to track social workers' caseloads given the request to add another social worker at the HS. Janice Darias explained the value, both operationally and monetarily of adding building substitutes. Janice told the SC the District needs a Mental Health Director who can put together a District-level Plan including professional development and service delivery. Mike Crowley asked whether these positions are 1 year and was told so.

On a motion by Jamal Saeh to recommend the list of prioritized building-based needs to the full SC for approval, which was seconded by Mike Crowley, the FSC approved the motion unanimously (3-0).

The list will be presented to the full SC on Tuesday December 14th.

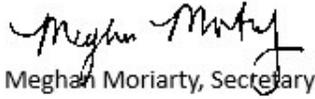
4. Public Comment

Lisa Pargoli - Asked for an update on the vaccine mandate for extracurricular activities given the recent emergency vaccine approval for younger students. She would like to know the total cost of the Social Workers to the District.

Joe Barnard - Expressed thanks for the hiring of additional social workers for the District.

5. Mike Crowley motioned to Adjourn the FSC at 9:15 am

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary