

Chenery PTO Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

7:00 PM

Attendance: About 15

Minutes have been approved

PTO Business

- **Welcome:** Ms. Ganguly & Ms. Laura Vanderhart, Co-Presidents

Mr. McAllister gave an update from Chenery.

Q &A with Senator Will Brownsberger

- Senator Brownsberger gave an update about current news at the State House and then answered questions from the parents.
- The Senator spoke about the Foundation budget that was amended in legislation which was passed recently. The legislation changed the formula for reimbursing school districts. The Senator explained that the implementation of the new formula will be phased in over 7 years. It will ensure special education transportation is covered. Belmont will see a 15-20% increase in funding.
- The Senator also spoke about the 2022 income tax ballot question. This ballot question would constitute \$2 billion in added revenue for the state. It would be earmarked for education and transportation.
- The Senator shared information about a transportation initiative which would include upgrading subways and capital investment in the MBTA. Safety is the number one priority for this initiative.
- The Senator answered questions regarding a climate change bill. This particular bill addresses carbon fees in the building sector. The Senate bill was passed in the previous week.
- Representative Dave Rogers was also present to answer questions from the parents.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.