



Watertown High School

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SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL AGENDA

WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Monday, December 19, 2011

7:00-8:30 P.M.

I) Headmaster's Report – Budget Planning Process and Review of November Minutes

- *Meeting tomorrow with all principals talking about budgets for the schools.*
 - o *Between January and April Superintendent will work on budget as we continue to collaboratively work on priorities. Some of this may be private.*
- *Town Council will determine the amount of money allocated, and the Superintendent and School Committee will determine how to spend it.*

II) Questions and Ideas on Budget Priorities for WHS

- *PE and World Language would be difficult to get to the standard but math classes four year standard could possibly be reached.*
- *Class sizes, elective, other class offerings, supports for students.*
- *Class sizes: Costly across the board, if used for specific targeted classes it can be more economical.*
- *“Wish list” from teachers: Subscription fees, new books, technology, science teachers-materials that would help them in the lab, new sections of classes, teachers would like to offer new courses, reduction of class sizes..*
- *School budgets mainly spent on bodies.*
- *Smaller classes matter less in honor classes and more with “L1” classes.*
- *No senior English class about practical writing and reading skills for kids going to trade schools and workforce.*
- *Many students go to summer school every year, we can predict people that are not graduating on time: having attendance issues, skill gaps, and behavior problems.*
 - o *Keeping summer school but for some making summer school different trying to reengage the students into school. Also making this “mentor” be used throughout the school year as well.*
 - o *Summer school has not been a consistently good experience there is no enrichment programs at the High School level for summer school.*
 - o *If you can get people to pass the MCAS sophomore year it will be easier to get them into a bigger work program.*
- *Giving students electronics to help put the school into that direction.*
 - o *Build in ways to get to 1 to 1 access for students.*
- *Increase art based part of the budget to give those kids better experiences.*

- *Increase better participation with the High School community.*
- *Working with the Watertown Police to help speak with Watertown High School, students and parents.*
- Building more of a grassroots method to try and gather parents to be aware of WHS problems.
- Creating a marketing campaign with students who might want to be involved in marketing when getting older.

III) Future Meeting Dates

- All Mondays, at 7:00 p.m.
- January 30th, February 27th, March 26th, April 30th, May 21st, June 18th.

This meeting was held as a community advisory/input session, without teacher representation or a quorum.