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**Wayland School Committee (SC) Newsletter**

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**At the October 18, 2023 SC meeting:**

- **The next SC meeting on November 1 will be held at METCO headquarters in Boston and will include families, the METCO team, and District administrators.** The agenda will be focused on current METCO work and initiatives.
- **The Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC) presented their Annual Survey Results** from March, which included 315 responses. Key topics included tiered system supports (RTI/MTSS), executive functioning programming, the achievement gap in MCAS scores, tutoring, extended school year (ESY), and the new DESE literacy screening. **The commitment of the special education staff stood out as a strength.**
- **Karyn Saxton (ELA Curriculum Director) and Liliana Smith (Spanish Immersion Coordinator) presented on Early Literacy Instruction.** Topics included new texts and strategies to increase comprehension, tiered supports in the district (MTSS) and communication to parents, DIBELS literacy screening, and the various curricula used for both the English-speaking and Spanish Immersion classrooms. Several years of data for fluency were presented.
- An update was given on the drainage of the high school turf field; **progress is being made** to rectify any issues in conjunction with the Conservation Commission.
- Budget planning and discussions continued. **SC approved the 2025-2029 Capital Budget**, which for 2025 includes: various building repairs, new cafeteria tables, auditorium lighting and A/V updates, and a student information system replacement. Several projects were closed out pursuant to request of the Town Manager's office and all remaining monies will be returned to the town fund(s). **A long-range capital study for both the school's and town's buildings will be completed, as discussed with the Town Manager and Finance Director.**
- Building repairs were discussed in view of the **Wayland Climate Action Mobilization Plan**, which includes the goal for 25% of town buildings to have implemented carbon-neutral equipment by 2030. The majority of equipment at Loker is carbon neutral after last year's repairs, and the feasibility to do the same at the other schools when replacing equipment was discussed.