

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Agenda:

Welcome

-Public Comment (8:05-8:10am): **No Members from the public present.**

-Assign rotating responsibility for note taking: **Monica will take notes.**

-Approval of previous meeting minutes from January 10, 2023-**Minutes approved by all present members.**

-School Updates:

-ACCESS Testing Completed:

Monica shared that ACCESS testing went well for all 137 EL students grades K-8. No questions

-MCAS Dates

Monica shared the dates and confirmed that families received the email sharing the dates for each grade.

-Link to the school committee's February 9, 2023 meeting and Dr. Guillory's budget review to date is here.

Monica asked if all members were able to watch the clip before today's meeting and the answer was yes. That then started our conversation as to impressions/wonderings and questions. This was a very good conversation with all the members participating.

-Time to share responses and questions and possible impact on Lawrence. The following questions were asked.

-How much money comes from the state and how does that impact the budget, specifically staffing?

-We have learned that there has been a reduction in student population at each school. How does that impact staffing and the budget?

-Student numbers may be down, but students' needs have increased. Is that a factor with planning the budget, staffing and programs?

-When will the public be informed about the override and the needs of the school? One member was not sure if the community was aware of the override.

-Questions about the Plerce project. Are those questions combined or separate on the override?