



October 30, 2023

Dear HPS Families,

Our October 30th School Committee meeting was held at the METCO headquarters in Roxbury. We were invited to hold our meeting at this location and had a chance to meet with parents and enjoy a presentation about the METCO program.

Included in the recap below are links to the presentations along with a quick overview of the information shared with us.

Please note that Harbor Media did not record this meeting, however we have tried to include all relevant documents to make it easier to follow along. These notes are not official School Committee minutes, which will be on the agenda for our next meeting, but are intended to keep the community updated on decisions and topics discussed in our meetings.

Upcoming Meeting Details

School Committee Meetings

- School Committee Meeting, Monday, November 13, 2023 @6:30PM
- School Committee Meeting, Monday, November 27, 2023 @6:30PM

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October 30th, School Committee Meeting Highlights

Referenced documents can be reviewed in the [meeting packet](#).

- METCO Workshop
 - The School Committee was lucky to be part of a workshop and presentation from METCO CEO Milly Arbaje-Thomas. Our meeting took place in the new museum space, which visually walks through the [history and beginnings of the METCO program](#). The program began in 1966 and Hingham joined in the second year of formation in 1967. METCO has incredible benefits both to the families that choose to entrust [Hingham](#) and send their children, as well as the families within Hingham. Hingham is one of only 33 communities that participate in this program and hopes to continue to grow and welcome students to our district. You can learn more and see the full presentations [From Our 1966 Origins to METCO 2.0](#).



- Communications
 - Dr. Adams provided an enrollment and class size update as well as a personnel update and info on the budget calendar
- Student Communications
 - Student Advisory Representative Alex Doggett shared an update on recent activities within the High School
- Unfinished Business
 - Policies BDFA-E-1 School Improvement Plan; BDFA-E-2 Submission and Approval of the School Improvement Plan; BDFA-E-3 Conduct of School Business, were reviewed and rescinded based upon earlier approval of consolidated policies.
- New Business
 - Amy Jackson provided an update on METCO enrollment and activities, including a recent trip with 15 students to HBCU college fair, partnership with Hingham Unity Council and partnership with the Boys Room.
 - Update Policy JBB, Educational Equity was discussed for a first read
 - The bid for an OPM for HHS Wellness Center was discussed and approved
 - Pay rates for bus/van monitors were discussed and approved
 - Surplus materials were reviewed and declared as surplus
- Subcommittee and Project Reports
 - HEF Spelling Bee on 11/5
 - Special Education Subcommittee met 10/25
 - PRS School Council met 10/24; next meeting 11/28
 - Policy Subcommittee met 10/18; next meeting 11/28
 - Climate Action Committee presented to League of Women Voters and at Old Ship's Church
 - Educational Programming Subcommittee meeting 11/1
 - Human Rights Commission met on 10/23 and had a workshop on 10/28
 - School Council Training was held on 10/26
 - Salaries and Negotiations continues with meetings with teachers, paras, administrative assistants and custodians
 - Finance and Capital met 10/20; next meeting 11/17
 - High School Council meeting on 11/13
 - School Building Committee will meet mid-November
 - An update was received from MSBA in regards to increased reimbursements for some of the Foster building project
 - Wellness Committee met 10/24
 - Equity Steering Committee met 10/25