

**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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MINUTES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

**Conference Room A
Shrewsbury Town Hall
Tuesday, June 6, 2017**

Present: Dr. Dale Magee, Chairperson; Mr. Jon Wensky, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Sandy Fryc, Secretary; Ms. Erin Canzano; Mr. Jason Palitsch.

Workshop opened at 7:03PM.

PLANS & STRATEGIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

POLICY:

- Online manual available, would like it to be searchable as well as being able to review easily “last reviewed” date
- Need to have more frequent meetings
- May use MASC sample policy manual as well as updates as a reference source.
- Participation in MASC online manual project may not be affordable (~\$10,000 entry fee plus ~\$900/yr maintenance)

COMMUNICATIONS WITH SUPERINTENDENT:

- Daily briefings were appreciated by all
- Regular meetings with members monthly and chair semiweekly are welcomed

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS WITH PUBLIC & PARENTS

- Use Shrewsbury community Facebook page more (last year, postings were cleared with the Chair first)
- Request that Shrewsbury Media Connection provide segmented videos that can be linked in posts

FISCAL FORECASTING:

- Follow through with John Lebeaux in early July regarding triboard subcommittee to:
 - Research trends for town revenues and costs
 - Explore approaches to meet needs and maintain quality of services
 - Educate the public regarding town finance
- Follow through with Donna O’Connor regarding composition of subcommittee
- Meet with the new town manager (Kevin Mizikar) along with Dr. Sawyer to discuss

BUDGET:

- Discussion regarding budget volatility & January Budget proposal was carried out.

EMERGING ISSUES:

- Feeling that there were topics emerging that needed more exploration. These include:
 - Mental health: hear from adjustment counselors and Dr Kusiak
 - What is the trend? Do we know what stresses are behind this?
 - Are we building resilience?
 - Vocational Training:
 - What are the near term options?
 - What should we be doing, as a district and a committee, long term?

- Fate of graduates: how often do those who start college drop out?, why?, can this be anticipated and mitigated?

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

- Needs to be informed by Portrait of a Graduate as well as reports on previous priorities.
- Portrait of a Graduate report needs vetting in other groups especially different parent groups
- Need to set timeline for this to get it done

Upon motion to adjourn by Jason Palitsch and second by Jon Wensky the Committee adjourned the meeting at 8:10PM.