

**January 11, 2018 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Wentworth Learning Commons - 29 attendees**

Plowing on Sawyer Rd insufficient for pedestrian safety

Bus stop complications

Who is responsible for sidewalk plowing?

How much do new housing starts relieve the tax burden?

How will the new apartments being built on Haigis impact costs for the Town?

Who determines school bus stop locations?

Are there plans to replace temporary classrooms?

Are there plans to create covered access for students travelling from the modular classrooms to the main building?

How long is the DOE process for school building funds?

Is there a comprehensive school long-range facility plan?

Are teachers shifted to accommodate changes in grade size?

How will all of the K-5 students fit on our busses if we are short on drivers?

Concern about the impact of the new start times on families of young children

Is the shift in K-2 start times driven by a shortage of busses? How many busses would it take to have everyone start at 8:30? How many drivers/busses do we currently have?

Are the long school bus rides because of the spread out nature of Scarborough? Would a consolidated K-2 help?

Comment from a high schooler, the new later start time would help with quality of life

Suggestion of GPS transponders on school busses that would allow parents to know when the bus is coming - decrease in time waiting outside for the bus, reduced anxiety for parents if bus is delayed

Suggestion of traffic study on left turns in town. Information from study could help commuters choose when to travel for work

Holmes Rd "is a parking lot", not only traffic lights need to be studied

What planning is happening with sports with the new start times

Healthline Program - What's happening? The program is no longer on the calendar. How much money is needed to keep it running? Participants did not damage the weight room. Would like the program to continue even if as an open gym. Program provides an important social contact, everyone involved is between the ages of 60 and 74.

Suggestion for a stoplight at Mussey and Payne

"When I think of our community I think of our park". Concern about the impact of the PSB on Memorial Park - noise, beauty, pedestrian safety

Skating rink warming hut closure impacts families, residents young and old rely on chance to warm up. The rink/hut provide a social place. Are there ways to pay for it to open? Could there be passes like there are for the beach? Communication around the hut should have been handled better.

Public Library is overcrowded. It is a public space for many uses, support expressed for expansion

Community Center - any thoughts about creation? Could there be a way to incorporate a CC into a new school building?

Are road connections, new roads, a Town expense or is it a private developer expense?

If we fund road creation how do we pay for them?

Does the Town see better traffic flow and development of roads as a priority?

What's the word on State Aid for Education?

What are we doing surrounding economic development? Do we have a plan? Do we do outreach?

**January 16, 2018 - 1:00pm - 2:30pm - Town Hall - 24 attendees (21 unique)**

Pick up and drop off at schools is a "nightmare" - parking, stop lights, accessible parking (especially at 8 Corners)

8 Corners accessible parking spaces covered in snow - only 4 to start with

Pulling out onto Mussey and 114 biggest concern

Pick up/drop off at High School “chaotic”

Suggestion: Letter to parents on how to pick up/drop off safely and efficiently

Concern about lack of foreign language offerings, especially at the lower levels

- Rotation of French and Spanish confusing

Other viewpoint of foreign language: Is it too much to add foreign language at a young age?  
Especially for special needs students?

Can parents “opt out” of an elective?

Would we ever prioritize foreign language over other electives?

Suggestion to tie into parent population to identify those that could support before/after school enrichment opportunities. Survey greater community for additional volunteers

In the Middle School there is not enough foreign language and the classes are too big

Comment, improvements that have been made in foreign language are appreciated

Suggestion to look at ways to increase music and language - perhaps integrate together

An offer by a parent to volunteer at the K-2 level in foreign language was refused

Appreciation for teacher organized strings group

Suggestion to look at the volunteer model from Scituate, MA - matching senior to school volunteer needs

Concern about lack of recess - recess is an important complement to classroom discussion

Do we have a district-wide standard regarding recess?

Is structured movement as good for the kids as free play? When do the kids have a chance to socialize?

What is being done to raise revenues to help relieve the property tax burden?

How are we increasing economic development efforts to increase the tax base in the commercial sector?

Suggestion to freeze the tax rate for the next 3-4 years

If there are increases to a department they should be in the departments that fuel economic development

55+ Communities are also a form of economic development

- Many places in town could be used for this
- No sewer on the other side of the turnpike

We need a community center to meet the social and physical needs of residents

Could a community center be a source of revenue?

Opinion, community center will at best break even

SEDCO should be expanded to “beat the bushes” to fill Haigis and other open areas

Is there potential for a new K-2 school?

Could we build a fourth neighborhood school? Would West Scarborough be a good location?

What we want doesn't fit with the budget we have

Concern about high amount of interest to be paid on the Public Safety Building bond. Can we do a fund drive to raise the money to avoid the interest?

How does our assessed value relate to State funding

Is it possible to revisit the school calendar? Can we start after Labor Day?

Concerns surrounding impact of new start times on ability of budget to pass

Concern about the parking at Memorial Park is taken up by soccer families in the fall

May need more accessible parking spaces at Town facilities

Could school buildings be open for all residents to use?

Four smaller/efficient schools will add to the spirit of Scarborough

Would help for residents to hear the “why” of the school calendar

Larger schools can also have community spirit

Public Works is doing a great job

Are the odor issues at Pine Point fixed?

**January 22, 2018 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Dunstan Fire Station - 11 attendees (10 unique)**

How far have conversations about regional school consolidation efforts gone?

What areas is the state encouraging collaboration/regionalization of services?

Have there been discussions surrounding Cape Elizabeth and Scarborough merging school districts?

What do some of our services cost? - It's hard to make decisions about where we should cut in the budget if we don't know how much each service costs- plowing, solid waste

Are there agreed on metrics that both tax watch groups and school budget supporters would recognize as valuable?

Comment by parent, daughters had a great education and remain active in promoting programming, love the solid waste services - single stream and sturdy bins, appreciate plowing at public spaces

What kind of budget guidance is given to elected officials by Tom and Julie?

Does the goal of a 3% increase have good reasoning? How was it determined?

Concern about start times for schools:

- What happens if start times don't work?

- Will there be free options for childcare?

- Have you seen success in other districts?

- What will happen to kids that go to PATHS?

Concerns with safety because of increases in traffic/growth - is there any "look to" the old neighborhoods in growth plans and road maintenance?

Appreciation for the Route 1 sidewalks

Does our location within our time zone factor into the start time discussion and interpretation of data?

Are there plans to drive economic development in the next 2-3 years?

Any new discussions of recreational facilities - ice rink, pool

What are the new major expenditures in the next few years?  
What is the cost of a consolidated primary school?

Is the state coming closer to meeting the promise of 55% General Purpose Aid for Education?

Are you prepared to keep the school budget from being an opportunity to protest start times?

Suggestion to include the cost of bonds per household on ballot

Is there more potential for combined services in the school's finance department/purchasing department or in special education?

Are we going to need to add PreK to our schools?

How would public PreK impact the private preschool programs in the area?

**January 23, 2018 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Public Library - 18 attendees ( 17 unique)**

Community center wanted

Where will new Town and School facilities be built?

Concern with connections of large roadways into small neighborhood roads

Can you explain what currently is in the Town's long-range facility plan?

Do we expect to need to bond for new facility projects?

Would it make sense to try again to partner with the YMCA for a community center?

Has anyone looked into Alford funds to support new facilities?

Need to build resident support for new facilities

Do you expect Scarborough Downs development to move quickly? What impact will it have on Scarborough?

Kudos for holding the Listen to Learn sessions

What is the timeline for the School's Community Dialogues?

How are results from the Community Dialogues distributed?

Access to information and communications beyond the school need to improve

Scarborough Leader is go to place for information but sometimes events are published after they have happened

Don't assume kids/families have experience with the school system

What happened in FY2018 that made the tax rate increase exceed 3%?

Is there a way to get an interim estimate on the Town's valuation?

Town has some control over valuation through economic development strategy

What is the non-profit base as a % of the total base?

What is the light industrial base as a % of the total base?

What is the residential base as a % of the total base?

What is the multi-family base as a % of the total base?

How do we compare with neighboring communities with these?

How many students do we have now?

Do we know how many students we expect in the next few years?

Could a consolidated K-2 school allow us to "flip-flop" buildings as student populations shift?

Do we still have a multi-age program? Any thoughts toward expanding it?

Is there an opportunity for multi-age with Proficiency Based Education (PBE)?

Need more communication surrounding PBE

Concern regarding enrichment opportunities at the K-2 level

Is PBE only a change in Maine?

Concern with understanding/able to converse about new PBE system - a lot of confusion for many

Could there be more informational meetings about PBE?

Start educating about PBE at the K-2 level

Could info sessions be recorded for play online and on the local access channel?  
Hold sessions by grade/school  
Need clarification about the different class levels

Where are we with the Route 114 corridor plan?

Parents need better welcome to the schools training

Have you thought about how to avoid multiple school validation budget votes?

Why do we vote on the school budget?

Could there be an expectation of a set time for decisions to be made RE start times and buses?

Is it possible to have people outside during school drop off to usher students in so that parents don't need to get out of their cars?

Affordability of the tax rate needs to be considered. 3% target may not be right for everyone

Scarborough has a more economically diverse population than our surrounding communities