

April 12, 2016

Attendees: Jackie, Debbie, Ann, Jen, Marianne, Renee

Annual Survey:

How does the committee feel? We indeed need a vehicle for providing feedback. The survey doesn't yield many responses. Do we want to provide another forum for communication such as: in-person forum. Instead of doing an online survey, what if we had post-its available for people to provide open-ended feedback at an evening event. Another idea is to have a short, one-page survey and raffle drawing.

School Choice vote this Thursday at School Committee:

Likely to pass. Currently five(5) spots in the first grade with siblings will be welcome to apply. In light of changing enrollment in the second grade, the principal may consider opening five (5) slots.

PARCC state testing is approaching. This year it is only occurring in the month of May. The tests are timed (Math 60 minutes and ELA 110 minutes). SRS School Committee passed a resolution that they encourage opt out. SRS entire Grade 5 is opting out. SES School Committee member agrees with SRS School Committee and feels we should also encourage opt out. Principal explained that we are a level 2 school and with declining population, she does not recommend this. School Committee member stated that he wanted to hear from teachers. SES teachers gathered and discussed thoughts. Some thought SRS was bold. SCC members feel that we need to consider the affects on the school. Parents have not been coming forward asking to opt their children. From the school perspective, we are not seeing that the test is a concern. So it is somewhat confusing that the "opt out" question is being brought up when there doesn't seem to be parental concern.