The Barnstable School Committee met on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, in Town Hall Selectman’s Conference Room for a School Committee Workshop. Present were Chair Margeaux Weber, Vice Chair Chris Joyce, and Committee members Stephanie Ellis, Patrick Murphy and Mike Judge. Also present were Meg Mayo-Brown, Kristen Harmon and Gareth Markwell.

Ms. Weber called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Meg Mayo-Brown’s Entry Plan Phase I Findings**

- Ms. Weber stated the Workshop topic is the results of Meg Mayo-Brown’s Entry Plan.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown stated she was going to talk about the findings of Phase I, information gathering, of her entry plan. This is Phase II, the sense making part of the plan. The data was collected and documents were reviewed and she ran the data through a software program.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown discussed the strengths of Barnstable Public Schools including student diversity, teachers, people, instructional and co-curricular programming, BDLT, parent involvement, Town Council and School Committee relations, educator evaluation system, stability, and BTA/Principal relationship.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown asked the question during her interview of what aspects should be maintained at all cost. Top answers included the breadth and depth of programming and services, the arts, staffing levels, sense of community, support teachers, MTSS, safety, and fiscal discipline.
- Top answers for what priorities should be the focus included school culture, safety, and number of student transitions.
- The challenges that received the most answers included greater diversity/complexity of student needs, kids in the middle, professional development, consistency across schools, balance of state mandates with what is valued in the community, social studies and science in elementary grades, class size, unfinished business, diversity among staff, telling our story, and parent answers included: homework, community service, better after school programs.
- Additional challenges include zip code bias, difficulty in recruiting pool of applicants, communication with ELL families, technology, and lack of urgency with level 2 designation.

**Comments from School Committee**

- Mr. Murphy stated the system is changing faster than the capacity that we can meet the students’ needs.
- Ms. Weber stated there are a wide range of learners in front of you. She asked how does the teacher meet all their needs. She said the answer is the need for more professional development.
- Ms. Mayo-Brown asked what is the same page we need to be on, what are the expectations and the community values.
- Mr. Joyce stated the students must be college and career ready. They also need to be more aware and self-confident. The whole child must be educated.
- Mr. Murphy asked if a strategic plan is that the next step and Ms. Mayo-Brown said yes.
- The group discussed developing a strategic plan at the next Workshop in April.

Adjourned 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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