

APS SC Meeting Highlights  
June 16, 2005

- 1) Chair announced agreement had been reached between schools and union on a 3 year extension of current contract. Agreement calls for a 2% increase in salary in year 1, 2.75% in year 2; 2.25% increase in year 3, with an additional 1% increase ½ way through year 3 (I'm not exactly sure how that works and will follow up on that). They have also negotiated evening parent/teacher conference time, however not clear how this will be implemented. Mr. Frost noted that if there are evening conferences IN ADDITION to the day-time conferences, he estimates that will be an additional \$80k cost to the schools. Mr. Ryan reminded the SC that is not in the current budget. Some discussion ensued about ideas for implementing. Further information will be gathered for the 6/30 meeting, potentially a decision will be made then.
- 2) Mr. Ryan estimated approx \$75k excess from FY05 budget. Will know for sure after the last June payroll. Since there was approx \$16k left in the Tech budget, they were able to buy 21 desktops for Conant School. Mr. Ryan stated that the additional \$120k in the Ch. 70 funding for FY06 may go to free cash.
- 3) JD Head spoke about facilities plans for FY06. They expect to put in new thermostats and do some work on the vents at Gates, Conant and the Admin building to address the heating issues there. Most cost effective way to manage the problem now-boilers work fine, vents are older system and need attention. Will also be doing lighting retrofits at same buildings. Expect costs to add fixtures to pay for themselves, exact costs/savings were not available at the meeting, but will be sent by JD Head to the SC.
- 4) Mr. Ryder volunteered to work on an analysis of the capital needs at Gates, Douglas, Conant with the idea that a presentation of this information could be given at the next State of the Town meeting. He suggested that he could use, on a volunteer basis, a civil engineer to review the buildings and put together information on condition, work needed, etc. for this meeting. There was general agreement that this was a good idea, Chair reminded Mr. Ryder to coordinate with JD Head, and School Admin so that work already done is not duplicated. I offered Fin Com assistance if needed.
- 5) Chair mentioned DOE proposal to look at Chapter 70 funding allocations. Mr. Ryder suggested that our State rep's be contacted to get information, help with direction, LWV suggested it be coordinated with work they have already done, and I offered Fin Com support. Discussions will continue on this subject. Mr. Ryder suggested that Fin Com look at work done by David Stone, Fin Com, when Minuteman Tech Assessment was reviewed.