



# Scarborough Board of Education

## Finance Committee

February 7, 2019

5:30-6:30 PM

Prepare by reading the agenda

### Objectives:

- Introduction of new committee member
- Review & release FY19 Quarter 2 financial report
- Update on collaboration with Communications Committee
- Update on feedback re: Budget Advisory Committee
- Prepare for Joint Finance Committee Meeting on February 11, 2019

### Introduction of new committee member

Alicia Giftos has joined the team, replacing Leanne Kazilionis. Welcome to Alicia!

### FY19 Quarter 2 Financial Report

Kate reviewed the draft financial report with the team and got good questions and feedback. She will make some adjustments to the report and send it out/post it for the public.

### Communications Committee update

The School Board Communications Committee has established a Joint Communications Committee with the Town. The first meeting will be Monday February 11 at 4:00, just before the Joint Finance Committee meeting. Our Communications team have agreed to quarterly “summits” in collaboration with Town Councilors, where they will participate in a kind of public forum modeled after the recent “office hours” event put on by our state representatives. Our Communications Committee has also developed a timeline and rough schedule for outreach during the budget process, using social media, article & ad in the Leader, etc. (See also BAC below.) The committee also plan outreach efforts to PACs in the community, as well as senior groups, service organizations (Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.), and the PTA.

Discussion around how to maximize communication and outreach without committing too much time to events with low attendance, potentially low impact. What are the best ways to reach the most people?

### Budget Advisory Committee

April had coffee with 7 individuals to gather ideas and feedback. She provided guiding questions in advance, but conversation was free-form, not formal. Asked about people’s ideas, hopes and vision for what a BAC would be like and might accomplish. We’ll continue to collect data, discuss and evaluate how to proceed with this concept.



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### **Joint Finance Committee Meeting**

The agenda for our first Joint Finance Committee meeting has been posted. The meeting will be held on Monday, February 11 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

### **Joint Finance Committee Agenda**

#### **Other resources:**

[Joint Finance Committee norms and goals \(December 2017\)](#)

[Draft FY20 Joint Budget Calendar](#)

[Current FY20 SPS Budget Calendar](#)

### **Planning Our Next Meetings:**

- Regular meeting for March will be Monday, March 4, 2019, 5:30 - 6:30.
- March 29 is target date for SBFC to preview the budget book.
- TBD - dates in April for SBFC budget review.
- Leadership team outreach to school staff after budget is presented.

### **Public Comment**

Steve Hanly expressed appreciation for work on Budget Advisory Committee.