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“It takes a whole community to educate a child.”

Superintendent’s Memo

To: Sedgwick Parents & Guardians
From: Christian M. Elkington
Re: Sedgwick Principal Search and Hiring Committee
Date: 4-3-18

As you know John Dow has decided to return to the classroom and will be turning over the reigns as our principal on June 30. We wish John well. With time being short and with the previous thoughts and ideas collected from our parents and guardians still fresh in our minds we will be following a similar process and plan as we did last year. The feedback you shared assisted us with our process and will again assist us in looking for our school’s new leader.

An important part of our process is the interview committee and its role. Knowing that too large a committee can be unwieldy and that too few would not be transparent the board wants to again create a representative group of concerned individuals. Realizing that several might want to be included, the Sedgwick School Board is again looking for several volunteers to serve on the First Round of interviews.

At our last board meeting the school board finalized the Sedgwick Principal Hiring Committee as follows:

- The Sedgwick School Board
 - The leader of the PTF
 - *Two parent/guardians (one from Pre-k - 5 and one from grades 6-8)
 - Two teachers (one from Pre-k - 5 and one from grades 6-8)
 - Two support staff members (Admin Assistant and one other support staff member)
 - The superintendent.
- *If you would like to serve on the interview committee please drop off your letter of interest in a sealed envelope, with reasons you would like to serve at Sedgwick Elementary School, in care of Susan Ford Chair Sedgwick School Committee.**

The role of this committee will be to:

- Be part of the first round of interviews taking place the week of May 7th.
- Help determine finalist(s) for board and superintendent to complete the final interview(s).

The timeline for the above is as follows:

- Principal Applications are due on April 20th
- Interview Committee Letter of Interest due April 20th
- The School Board will review applications and choose candidates to interview (3-5) April 23rd
- The School Board will review interview committee requests and make selections on April 23rd
- Round 1 interviews to take place the week of May 7th.
- Final interviews will be held the week of May 21st.

On behalf of our School Board and myself, please know we appreciate everyone’s concern in finding the best leader for Sedgwick Elementary School. I know we will all do our best to make that happen!