

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Community Relations Subcommittee Working Meeting - MINUTES

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 11:30am – Via Zoom

Present: CR Chair Kendra Petrone, Erica Clements, Adrienne Heaphy-Tenney; Superintendent Mike Harvey.

Community Relations Subcommittee Purpose: To unify the tri-town community through an ongoing dialogue with residents that broadens the community's knowledge of Masco, increases engagement, and enhances our understanding of the community's needs.

- A. Called to Order at 11:32am.
- B. Followed up on the many concerns mentioned during the Community Dialogue session on 10/23/24: M. Harvey mentioned that in addition to the elevator not being handicap accessible and making sure they are ADA compliant, the softball fields also need work. M. Harvey mentioned that the DCI subcommittee will be communicating and responding to the Masco Boosters in regards to the budget levels and what can be done to remedy some of the more urgent and smaller priced structural issues. M. Harvey also stated that the Boxford Building Commission has given Masco permission to allow one employee in the press box as of right now.
- C. CR members discussed the process and possibilities for fundraising: K. Petrone asked about private fundraising and whether there is a price point limit to which the school would not need to go through such a rigorous process in approval and the hiring of an OPM. M. Harvey stated that there are Bid Laws in Massachusetts that we can reference which outline [purchasing requirements under Massachusetts Law](#). M. Harvey stated that anyone can privately raise money to contribute to the school for any project or renovation but there is no guarantee to the timeline of completion. E. Clements, A. Heaphy-Tenney and K. Petrone agreed that getting that answer and information out to the community is a must.
- D. Discussed ways to bring a school committee presence to the tri-town community. (Table/presence at community or school events; HS, MS and elementary games/fields, etc.) CR Members also discussed creating a community event "hosted by the SC" (I.E: a community yard sale in the spring in the parking lot) as a way to introduce ourselves to the community. CR members also discussed crossover events in the three towns that would introduce all members into each town (not just their representing towns).
- E. K. Petrone asked out creating anonymous surveys to send out to parents (School/Building/Curriculum Concerns; Exit Interviews for those choosing to leave Masco).

M. Harvey said they are already working on those surveys to send out to the Tri-Town families.

F. Discuss additional communications methods for FY 2024-2025.

G. Approved minutes from the [10/23/24](#) Community Relations subcommittee working meeting and the [5/1/24](#) Community Dialogue meeting.

The matters listed for the meeting are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair. Some items listed may not be discussed, and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

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