MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 23 6pm H.S. Library.

Community Relations Subcommittee Community Dialogue- MINUTES

Members Present: CR Subcommittee members Adrienne Heaphy-Tenney and CR Subcommittee Chair Kendra Petrone; SC Chair Joe McLean; Community members Evangelina Kelly, Carroll Crispo, Karen Magnifico, Fred Glore, Russ Fiore, Cash Kornusky, Charles Kelly, Devin O'Brien, Nicco Cefalo, Drew Gustafson, Kaden Mason, Alex Cantalupo, William Ginley, Tyler Durgan, Connor Mitchell, Nino Stefonelli, Evan Velordo, Andrew Kelly, Will Harris, Lucas Magnifico, Cameron Buccaiere, Mike McNamee, Achilleas Koutoulas

A. Called meeting to Order at 6:00pm.

B. Community member Carroll Crispo attended the most recent DCI meeting and expressed concern over the athletic concession stand; the elevator has been out of commission since 2019. Why has it not been addressed or fixed? The game analyst was forced to walk alongside the field to call the games. Are we out of ADA compliance? Can we use free cash? Can we reach out to the community to financially assist get things fixed sooner than a budget process? Painting the field house?

C. Community member Karen Magnifico expressed concerns over a lack of immediate solutions. The timeframe to wait for these immediate fixes for the building, the athletic fields, etc. Where is the revenue from the football program? Why can't we use part of the revenue to pay for these fixes more quickly?

D. Additional questions asked to the group: Is there an option for the Masco Boosters to fundraise for certain issues under a price point? Are some of the issues being put on hold as part of a potential connection to the "Turf Project?"

E. Community member Fred Glore shared his agreement with other members that the building was left unattended for many years prior to 2018 with a previous administration. He also expressed the same concern for being able to inquire about prices for immediate fixes through local businesses/boosters etc. F. Glore suggested informing the Boxford Building Commission regarding the structure of inside the athletic concession stand, the second floor, elevator and scorebox.

F. 13 members of the Masco Football team were also in attendance. Issues concerning those athletes: The fields, the bathrooms not having urinal dividers.

G. Lucas Magnifico, Class President mentioned that he designed a T-Shirt for their annual class fundraiser and was denied due to the use of the word Chieftains on the T-Shirt. When he inquired as to why the name of their mascot was not appropriate, the response given from the school was that they were "moving away from that…"

H. Community member Evagelina Kelly mentioned that Masco turned down the opportunity to have a Fan Bus for 50 student fans to attend the football games because they normally have difficulty getting transportation to the games. The Boosters are providing the bus for them at this point. The response from the school was that having a Fan Bus would not be equitable. Question from C. Crispo, K. Magnifico and E. Kelly: "Why was this turned down for not being equitable when its purpose was having student support from *our school*?"

I. The next Community Dialogue meeting is scheduled for November 13 and January 22.

J. Adjourned meeting at 6:55pm.

Upcoming Meetings: Next Community Relations Subcommittee Working Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 10/30 11:30-12:30 via Zoom. The next Community Dialogue meetings are scheduled for Nov 13 and Jan 22. These meetings will be in person at 6pm in the H.S. library just before the regular scheduled School Committee meetings on those days.

Please refer to the "Public Meetings" page on the Masconomet Website for a list of upcoming meetings and agendas.

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