

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, December 8 – 6:30 PM via Zoom
Minutes

Present: Patti Bernheart (Subcommittee Member, Meeting Chair), Joe Ciampa (Subcommittee Member), Bill Hodges (Subcommittee Member), Zillie Bhuju (School Committee Chair, *ex officio* Subcommittee Member)

- A. **Community Forum.** The Community Relations Subcommittee invited all members of the Tri-Town community to join us for an open discussion. No community participants joined the meeting.
- B. **Updates from community organizations. Councils on Aging** - representatives from Topsfield and Middleton are likely to attend our meeting on January 12th. Do we want to provide them with a summary ahead of time of what we'll be talking about or just allow them to share their interests and/or concerns around what is happening at Masco to foster that relationship as a community partner? We want to give them the message that they are a partner with Masco and we want to engage them. Idea: share Masco websites or Principal's Weekly Memo. Screen share to point out the Masco website, Principal's weekly memo and form through which organizations can request help (Community Assistance Program). **Action:** Subcommittee to be prepared to screen share Masco Memo from Principal and other things on the website (stated above); be prepared to discuss Masco athletics, art/music/drama events, etc. with Councils on Aging. If members of COA wanted to attend any of the events, we could waive the fee so that they can join.
- C. **Masco concert for senior citizens.** Bill Hodges continues to review with Randy O'Keefe. Winter may be difficult because of other events at school including the drama program. Awaiting confirmation from Randy about earliest date when a concert might be feasible. **Action:** Bill to follow up at January 12 meeting.
- D. **Internships.** Bill Hodges has gathered a few contacts from businesses we have partnered with in the past. He will reach out to them to get a sense of what they are getting from Masco and what, if anything, we could be doing additionally to foster positive relationships with them as business partners. Action: Bill to pursue these discussions.
- E. Other business. Zillie Bhuju asked if the sub committee wants to consider running meetings around certain themes being discussed in the community (i.e., focus on themes as well as groups). Action: Terri Teleen to put on agenda for January meeting. Approved [Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2021](#)
- F. Adjournment 7:25PM.

Community Relations Subcommittee Charge: 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.

Upcoming Meetings:

The Community Relations Subcommittee meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30PM unless otherwise noted. Please refer to the [Public Meetings](#) page on the Masconomet Website for upcoming meetings and agendas.

- January 12, 2022
- February 9, 2022
- March 9, 2022 (NOTE time change 5:30pm)
- April 13, 2022
- May 11, 2022
- June 8, 2022 (NOTE time change 5:30pm).

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