

MASCONOMET REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Community Relations Subcommittee Meeting
Wednesday, March 9, 2022 – 5:30 PM via Zoom

Minutes

Present: Terri Teleen (Subcommittee Chair), Patti Bernheart (Subcommittee member), Joe Ciampa (Subcommittee member), Bill Hodges (Subcommittee member), Zillie Bhujju (School Committee Chair), Kathleena Scarpato (community member), Carroll Crispo (community member)

- **Community Forum.** As has been our practice since September, the Community Relations Subcommittee invited all members of the Tri-Town community to join us at our meeting for an open discussion. Kathleena Scarpato raised a question about the American Legion's involvement in veterans' events at Masco, and the group agreed this would be a question for school principals. Kathleena also asked about extra help time in the new teacher contract. Committee members confirmed that scheduling is managed by the administration and is still a work in progress, but the new contract allows more flexibility to create time for extra help in the school day.
- **Senior Citizens' St. Patrick's Day concert.** Plans for the concert have been finalized. . Joe Ciampa/Northshore Home Medical Supply kindly offered to underwrite the cost of lunches. The committee also wants to thank faculty members Randy O'Keefe and Ben Hanchett for their hard work.
- **Gift to Masco community.** The subcommittee agreed that we would like to plant a tree on the campus to thank students, faculty, administration, and families for their fortitude during the pandemic, and to create a place for the community to gather in the years and decades ahead. Terri Teleen will reach out to local landscapers and to the Masco Environmental Club to start the process, and will alert the full School Committee at its next meeting.
- **Small town Hero Awards.** Planning for the awards is underway in the Student Advisory Board, working with their advisor Ben Hanchett. Patti Bernheart will provide an update at the next subcommittee meeting.
- Communications. The subcommittee had a general discussion about the importance of good communications back and forth between the community, the School Committee, and the administration.
- [Approved Minutes from February 9, 2022](#)

Upcoming Meetings:

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- April 13, 2022 6:30 PM
- May 11, 2022 6:30 PM
- June 8, 2022 5:30 PM

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