



School Committee Minutes

Wednesday, July 17, 2019
Cohasset Middle-High School
Community Use Room
143 Pond Street
Cohasset, MA

In Attendance: Ellen Maher, Chairman
Jennifer Madden
Craig MacLellan
Ashley Colleary
Paul Kearney

Also in Attendance: Dorothy Presser, Field Director MASC

Call to Order and Roll Call- Chairman Maher called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. **Roll Call: Ashley Colleary -Present, Ellen Maher- Present, Jennifer Madden-Present, Craig MacLellan-Present, Paul Kearney-Present**

Ms. Presser reviewed our protocols and handbooks with us. She advised that we should evaluate what we are doing well so we continue with those practices and then evaluate what areas need improvement. Our end goals should be to have strategies and practices to ensure student success.

Ms. Presser reviewed social media use by members. It must be used carefully as we are a committee, with no one member to speak for the whole unless duly authorized by the committee to do so. Social media for committee news is acceptable, it must be carefully constructed to be a reporting tool and not be subject to interpretation as a deliberative tool.

Ms. Presser also discussed communicating in a crisis. Her recommendations, as much as possible, plan in advance, rely on the Superintendent for information when it becomes available, the Chair is the spokesperson, convey fact, not opinion or speculation, respect confidentiality and be consistent in order to build trust.

Ms. Presser provided the Committee with the Nashoba Valley Regional SC Handbook. The consensus was the committee liked the format and content of the handbook as an update to ours from August of 2015. Ms. Presser agreed to ask for it in Word form so we could edit it.

The committee thanked Ms. Presser and then continued with a review of our Protocols . Changes were recommended and Mrs. Madden agreed to update the Draft. The Committee then began the Goal Setting. Under the 5 pillars of the Strategic Plan, the committee brainstormed on Goals for FY 20. Mrs. Madden agreed to format the ideas into our Goal form for our next Goal Setting workshop.

On a motion by Mrs. Madden, seconded by Mr. MacLellan, Warrant 20-01S was put forth for approval. Roll Call Aye Paul Kearney, Aye Ashley Colleary, Aye Ellen Maher, Aye Jenn Madden, Aye Craig MacLellan.

A motion to adjourn at 9:35pm was made by Mrs. Madden, seconded by Mrs. Maher - All Aye