

**Monadnock Regional School District
Community Relations Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2021
SAU Conference Room/Zoom, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas, Betty Tatro, Scott Peters and D. LeClair.

Also Present: L. Aivaliotis, MRSD Recording Secretary.

1. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

2. Old Business:

a. Spreadsheet Information to fill in with L. Sutton: C. McDaniel-Thomas was hoping L. Sutton would have been able to attend this meeting. She is not sure how to address some of the items without her. S. Peters said she can do it offline. Do not force her to attend. C. McDaniel-Thomas will contact L. Sutton offline and go over the spreadsheet.

b. Information for the Town Newsletters: C. McDaniel-Thomas explained she had prepared a blurb for the newsletters. The information went to Gilsum, Troy, Fitzwilliam newsletters and to the Swanzey Town Manager.

c. Listening Sessions: C. McDaniel-Thomas explained we have received confirmation on the dates for the Listening Sessions: MTC/Cutler-10/20, Emerson-10/25 Gilsum-10/27 and Troy-10/28. The committee reviewed the spreadsheet. The location for the MTC/Cutler Session will be in the MRMHS auditorium. The other locations have not been decided yet. These sessions are SAU approved. The set up for the buildings is not complete. The committee discussed a name for the Listening Sessions. The committee decided on the following titles: Cutler/MTC Consolidation Project Community Input, Gilsum Renovations Project Community Input Meeting, Troy Renovations Project Community Input Meeting and Emerson Renovations Project Community Input Meeting.

d. Website: C. McDaniel-Thomas is not confident the PR Firm is doing the website. S. Peters commented we need to talk to them. B. Tatro would love to see a link

to click when you first go on the District webpage without looking for it. S. Peters spoke of the pictures on the webpage and suggested the committee ask to have them changes related to the elementary projects. Also the committee will need to ask the dates for the Input Meetings to be changed to the new titles. On the website there are green squares full of information. It was suggested to have the time, date and place of the Renovation Projects Community Input Meetings in that spot. B. Tatro reminded the committee Roxbury and Richmond students either go to Emerson or MTC or Culter. S. Peters asked the committee if they would like to give L. Sutton control regarding the carousel of pictures for the webpage or should this committee. S. Peters commented that we are asking L. Sutton too much. We need to do this work. C. McDaniel-Thomas would ask L. Sutton to pick out pictures. It was suggested that all of the individual schools have their own carousel of pictures for their own webpage and change the pictures and information to the Input Meeting information. The committee will ask L. Witte to place information on the District Facebook and Twitter.

e. Handout Information: C. McDaniel-Thomas said she has not checked with Silver Direct regarding the turnaround time for an updated brochure. S. Peters suggested a one page two sided informational sheet, we can run it here in the District and hand it out at the Input Meetings. The information will be a project overview. B. Tatro will contact Silver Direct for other printing items for the sessions. It was suggested to send out postcards with invite information for the Input Meetings. Send out one postcard with a list of all of the individual school dates and the Husky Logo. B. Tatro will contact Silver Direct about the postcards. The deadline for the postcards is Oct. 1. S. Peters would like to hand out a piece of paper at the Input Meetings to survey the people present and ask how they heard about the Input Meetings. It was suggested to contact Abby Trombley for air time on the radio under Community News. S. Peters updated the spreadsheet on who is responsible for certain items. S. Peters will contact Jack from the Keene Sentinel for a story and updates as the process continues. C. McDaniel-Thomas would suggest writing something up for people to post on their Facebook. C. McDaniel-Thomas would like a letter to go to the Select boards inviting them to the Input Meetings. D. LeClair suggested hanging up the postcard in the Town Halls and the Post Offices. S. Peters would advise ordering another 25 postcards in order to post throughout the district. The committee decided to prepare a letter to the

individual Select Boards and personally invite them. The committee prepared a draft and would ask L. Sutton to put on the MRSD Letterhead.

3. Setting the next meeting's date, time and agenda: The next meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

4. Public Comments: There are no public comments.

5. Adjourn: MOTION: D.LeClair **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM.
SECOND: B. Tatro **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary