

**Monadnock Regional School District
Community Relations Committee Meeting
April 15, 2025
SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Jeff Cesaitis, Eric Stanley and Hannah Blood.

Also Present: L. Aivaliotis, MRSD Recording Secretary.

1. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments
2. **Nomination of CRC Chair: MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to nominate H. Blood as the CRC Chair. **SECOND:** J. Cesaitis. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

3. **Community Relation Charter:**

a. Committee Name: Community Relations Committee (CRC)

b. Purpose: The Community Relations Committee (CRC) of the Monadnock Regional School District serves as a liaison between the school district and the community it serves. The committee aims to foster positive relationships, communication, and collaboration between the school district and various stakeholders, including parents, students, teachers, administrators, local businesses, civic organizations, and the broader community.

c. Mission: The mission of the Community Relations Committee is to:

- Promote transparency and open communication between the school district and the community.
- Facilitate meaningful engagement and involvement of community members in the educational process.
- Advocate for the interests and needs of students, families, and community members within the school district.
- Support initiatives that enhance the quality of education and the overall well-being of students.
- Serve as a platform for addressing concerns, sharing feedback, and soliciting input from the community.
- Collaborate with other committees, departments, and organizations within the school district and the community to achieve common goals.

d. Authority: The Community Relations Committee operates under the authority of the Monadnock Regional School Board. It has the authority to:

- Conduct meetings, forums, and events to facilitate communication and engagement with the community.
- Make recommendations to the Monadnock Regional School Board regarding policies, programs, or initiatives aimed at improving community relations.
- Collaborate with school administrators, staff, and other stakeholders to implement strategies for enhancing community engagement and communication.

e. Membership: The Community Relations Committee membership shall include, at a minimum, three representatives from the Monadnock Regional School Board.

f. Meetings: The Community Relations Committee shall meet regularly on a monthly basis.

g. Adoption: This charter shall be adopted upon approval by the Monadnock Regional School District Board. **DISCUSSION:** E.Stanley suggested a change in the Charter “the CRC will meet regularly on a monthly basis”. **MOTION:** E.Stanley **MOVED** to approve the CRC Charter with edits and to forward to the full Board for approval. **SECOND:** J. Cesaitis. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

4. Community Relation Goals: for 2025/26: E. Stanley had a few ideas for the CRC Goals. He would like to teach the community about what is controllable and what is not in regards to the budget drivers. He also mentioned the idea of Death Donations. Educate the community to let them know they can leave funds to the school. Make donations to the school. He would like to bring the sponsorship/advertising idea to the Fin/Fac Committee for answers. E. Stanley would like to do Facetime Live on a regular basis. The committee would like the individual schools to also do Facetime Live in order to get information out to the parents and community. The committee discussed a goal that would educate the community on budget issues, related issues including budget drivers, cuts, information on student/teacher ratio, Deliberative Session, Public Hearing among others. Facetime Live and school calendars are a few ideas. Building Pride in the schools, selling swag at events and student leaders, get kids involved. J. Cesaitis suggested starting in the elementary schools and having the MRMHS connect with them. Bolstering Husky Pride. Field trips to the MRMHS from the elementary schools. Bring the players from the Cal Ripkin or other younger sports to come to a game and acknowledge the younger players on the field. Step up day, bridge the gap. Ideas for goals to present to the Board: Educate the community on budget concerns with a timeline, subjects for structure of information and Bolstering Husky Pride.

5. Approval of the April 2, 2024 CRC Meeting Minutes: **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to approve the April 2, 2024 CRC Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

6. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

7. Next Agenda: May 20, 2025.

8. Motion to adjourn: **MOTION:** E. Stanley **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:46. **SECOND:** J. Cesaitis **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

MRSD Recording Secretary