



MALDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Dr. Timothy Sippel

Superintendent, Malden Public Schools

Malden Publics Schools School Councils

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025

6:30 PM, Virtual

Location: Zoom

Minutes

- Welcome
 - Asst. Superintendent Bhasin welcomed members to the meeting, explained that interpretation was available, and invited attendees to participate in a short icebreaker. Ms. Bhasin then introduced the topics that would be covered in the meeting.
- District-wide Improvement Plan
 - Ms. Bhasin led a review of district-wide work related to improvement plans
- Law & Policy re: School Councils
 - Ms. Bhasin led a review of Massachusetts general law and Malden School Committee policy as it relates to the work of school councils
- Roles & Responsibilities in Malden
 - Ms. Bhasin reviewed the responsibilities of school councils in Malden including their contributions to School Improvement Plans and their role in reviewing the school's budget
- Discussion
 - Ms. Bhasin opened a ThoughtExchange where attendees could express what they were excited for in the coming year as well as any questions they may have. Attendees were invited to share out-loud their thoughts with the group. Three people shared.
- Input Opportunity: Graduation Requirements
 - Ms. Bhasin explained a current decision facing the district, potential changes to the graduation policy. Ms. Bhasin explained that the School Committee would appreciate feedback from the group about how quickly the policy should affect the next three graduating grade levels. Ms. Bhasin answered questions from a few attendees and asked attendees to participate in a poll. Participants also left feedback in the chat.
- Wrap-up
 - Ms. Bhasin concluded the meeting, asking attendees to complete a survey to provide feedback and to be on the lookout for a message from their school principal about their next meeting.