

School Committee & Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe-Joint Meeting (Virtual)
July 22, 2020
Minutes

Present: School Committee members: George Schmidt, Nicole Bartlett, Don Myers and Cathy Lewis; not present-Geoff Gorman. Also present: Patty DeBoer, Superintendent, Dr. Hope Hanscom, Assistant Superintendent and Paul Funk, Director of Finance.

1. A. Call Meeting to Order

Mr. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Welcome/Acknowledgement of Participants

School Committee members as well the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal members introduced themselves

2. Sharing from Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council-Updates (not necessarily school-related)

A. Land in Trust

Mr. Cromwell presented an informative update for the Committee on the land in trust.

3. Sharing from Mashpee Public Schools-Updates (not necessarily tribe-related)

A. Portrait of a Graduate

Mrs. DeBoer discussed the progress made on the "Portrait of a Graduate" (POG).

B. Strategic Planning Process

Mrs. DeBoer reviewed the strategic planning process.

C. Enhanced student opportunities at MMHS (grants)

Mrs. DeBoer expressed her enthusiasm for the opportunities all MPS students have had or will have access to as a result of the grants.

D. Reopening-Fall 2020

Mrs. DeBoer presented an informative outline of the steps MPS will be taking to ensure a safe return for staff and students for the reopening of schools in the Fall.

4. Partnership: Reflections/Accomplishments (2017-2020)

A. Staff opportunities for growth (MPS-P. DeBoer, MWT-J. Baird)

Mrs. DeBoer outlined the opportunities that are available for all MPS staff.

Jesse Baird expressed her appreciation to the MPS staff and their continued support.

B. Student opportunities for growth (MPS-P. DeBoer)

Mrs. DeBoer reviewed the many growth opportunities the students have due to the collaboration with the MWT. Thank you to the Tribal Education Team.

C. Communication and Collaboration (MPS-P. DeBoer)

Mrs. DeBoer expressed her gratitude for the communication and collaboration ongoing between MPS and the MWT. Moving forward we will work together to continue expanding our collaboration.

D. MWT-College and Career Pathways Grant-NYCP (MWT-Cameron Greendeer)

Cameron Greendeer explained the many initiatives that have been ongoing due to the College and Career Pathways Grant. John Hanlon and Cameron Greendeer work closely with the MHS students.

E. Land Acknowledgement Poster (MPS-P. DeBoer, MWT-J. Weston)

Mrs. DeBoer thanked Jen Weston for her help in getting the poster completed and distributed to the schools. Many great ideas were shared pertaining to other ways to display the poster.

5. Partnership: Moving Forward

A. Learning from/supporting other districts-local/national (MPS-N. Bartlett)

Ms. Bartlett expressed her gratitude in serving on the state and national committees to be able to learn and partner with other towns and then share with the Mashpee community.

B. Advocacy (MPS-N. Bartlett)

Ms. Bartlett shared her thoughts.

C. STEP Grant (MWT-R. Mills-Brown)

Ms. Roxanne Mills-Brown presented an informative update regarding the STEP grant and many initiatives this grant will help.

D. Elders Panel (MWT-R. Mills-Brown, MPS-P. DeBoer)

Ms. Mills-Brown outlined the roles of the Elders panel.

E. Tribal Court (MWT-R. Mills-Brown, MPS-P. DeBoer)

Ms. Mills-Brown outlined the area that the Tribal Court hopes to accomplish to assist the Tribal students. The main area of concern is truancy.

F. Flag poles at each school (MPS-P. DeBoer)

Mrs. DeBoer informed the Mashpee School Committee and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal members that an additional flag pole will be erected at each school.

- G. Town of Mashpee Youth Commission (MPS-C. Lewis, MWT-B. Weeden)
School Committee member, Ms. Lewis offered her support and prior knowledge in assisting with the Town of Mashpee Youth Commission. Tribal member Selectman Brian Weeden hopes to bring this commission back to the Town.

6. Partnership: Next Steps

- A. Tribal Council Chairing next Joint MPS-MWT Meeting
MPT Chair, Cedric Cromwell is happy to have the tribe chair the next joint meeting. He will reach out to the school in the near future to set up a date.
- B. Build relationships between MPS counselors with tribal resources-blended support model
Mrs. DeBoer is recommending a relationship with the MPS counselors and tribal resources for our students to offer a blended support model.
- C. Other
None.

7. *Adjournment

Mr. Schmidt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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