

MEDFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP
Zoom Remote Meeting
February 26, 2021

PRESENT: Jessica Reilly - Chair
Leo Brehm -Vice Chair
Timothy Knight - Recording Secretary
Meghan Glenn - Financial Secretary
Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke - Member at Large

ALSO PRESENT: Andrea Moores - Secretary

A Roll Call was taken to open the School Committee Workshop

- Leo Brehm- yes
- Meghan Glenn -yes
- Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke -yes
- Jessica Reilly- yes

The workshop began at 1:05 pm.

Mr.Tim Knight joined the meeting after the roll call vote and then left the meeting at approximately 1:27 pm.

The focus of this workshop was to review progress and continue evaluation of the School Committee's communication strategies.

The School Committee discussed the following:

- The perspective that the School Committee is withholding information from the community
- The challenges of communicating in a climate where information is constantly changing and evolving at rapid pace
- Ways to help facilitate communication between the community and the school department
- Reopening Surveys
- Reopening Public Forum
- Additional School Committee meetings
- Opportunities for two-way communication with constituents
- Re-implementation of School Committee Office Hours
- Development of a Google Question/Feedback Form on School Committee webpage for public to ask questions
- School Committee communications with employees of the Superintendent
- Communication protocols
- Superintendent email communication
- Mupdates and potential podcasts with Medfield TV

The following short term action items were established:

- Scheduling School Committee Office Hours - Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke
- Re-Opening Forum Process/Date - Ms. Jessica Reilly/Dr. Jeffrey Marsden
- Share feedback from the workshop with the Superintendent - Ms. Jessica Reilly
- Agenda template/after meeting template - Ms. Jessica Reilly
- Google Question/Feedback Form - Ms. Meghan Glenn

The following long term action items were established:

- Work with the Superintendent to standardize email updates
- Establish a more consistent and efficient process for community survey/input
- Using the School Committee Aspen email account to communicate with the school community
- Continued to evaluate the School Committee webpage
- Schedule another workshop to look at progress and evaluate the possibility of developing a Communication Subcommittee.

Ms. Reilly informed the committee that a joint meeting with the School Committee and Medfield Board of Health has been scheduled for March 9, 2021 to discuss the return to full in-person learning. The committee expressed interest in having Kathy Thompson, Leader and the school physician, Dr. Laura McCullough, participate in the upcoming Reopening Public Forum.

Ms. Jessica Reilly stated that the workshop would be adjourned and the committee would move to an Executive Session to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual. (February 18, 2021 Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Christine McCue Potts) and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. (February 18, 2021 Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Christine McCue Potts) and to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. The committee will not return to an open session.

A motion was made by Ms. Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke, seconded by Ms. Meghan Glenn to move to the Executive Session.

A Roll Call was taken to move to an Executive Session

- Leo Brehm- yes
- Meghan Glenn -yes
- Anna Mae O'Shea Brooke -yes
- Jessica Reilly- yes

The workshop ended at 2:00 pm and the committee moved to an Executive Session not to return to open session.

Dr. Jeffrey Marsden also went into the Executive Session with the School Committee.

Minutes Approved by School Committee on April 1, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Moores
Secretary