

**Greenfield School Committee  
Community Engagement Sub-Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 20, 2025**

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1. Roll Call/Call to Order:

Present: Elizabeth DeNeeve (ED – Chair), Stacey Sexton (SS)

Absent: Melodie Goodwin

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment

There was no comment from the public at this time.

On a motion by ED, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SS, the sub-committee voted to suspend Robert's Rules of Order as to allow this to be a working session. The vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of April 15, 2025 sub-committee minutes

On a motion by SS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by ED, the sub-committee voted to approve the April 15, 2025 minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous.

4. Review policies as they relate to the sub-committee

- Policy AB – The People and Their School District
- Policy KCB – Community Involvement in Decision-Making

A review of both policies obtained from the online School Committee Policy Manual ensued. Takeaway discussion on this topic included:

- Both policies are directly correlated with community engagement
- The Committee should, as often as possible, try to be a voice for what the public is requesting in the Public Comment segment of the agenda
- We need to be mindful to bring the public in to be a part of the decision-making process
- Continue working to make all meetings more accessible to the community, i.e. time, location, etc.
- Reevaluate our declared educational philosophy
- Invite City Council member to attend our Community Engagement Sub-Committee Meetings according to their availability

Community member, Stephanie Duclos, stated she remembers in the past, when her children attended our schools, they would always be meeting School Committee members at school-related and sporting events. It was always good to see them present and have the opportunity to speak with them at these functions. A suggestion was made have the School Committee prepare a flyer of meeting dates, links to policies, etc. to share with the public. She also asked if there was a way to make our website more user-friendly to allow the community to navigate it more easily.

5. Review calendar and process of adding to the calendar  
Discussion relative to an update on the newly created School Committee Community Calendar ensued. Unfortunately, the initiative was halted due to the timing of budget season and busy meeting schedules. Also discussed was the possibility of merging a district calendar of events into the superintendent's weekly update.

Another suggestion was to create our own School Committee/Sub-Committee S'more newsletter for publication. The possibility of reaching out to our GHS School Council to obtain volunteers or provide funding to create the publication was also discussed. This would also open up an opportunity to integrate non-voting student members to serve with the School Committee and also join them at events such as Day on the Hill or the annual MASS/MASC Joint Conference.

6. Goal Setting Working Session  
At the time of posting this meeting, there were no topics reasonably anticipated by the Chairperson of this sub-committee.
7. New Business  
Strategize potential collaboration with the City Council around Community Engagement  
A suggestion was made to invite City Council members to our Community Engagement sub-committee meetings to obtain their input on redistricting, etc., or request a joint meeting with this sub-committee and City Council. ED will reach out to City Council President, Lora Wondolowski to initiate a conversation.
8. Adjournment  
On a motion by ED, 2<sup>nd</sup> by SS, the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The vote was unanimous.

Approved: June 17, 2025