

**Mansfield School Committee Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, January 24, 2023
In Person & Virtual Meeting using GoToWebinar**

An **Open Meeting** of the Mansfield School Committee was held in person and virtually on Tuesday, January 24, 2023. The open meeting session was called to order by Chair Kiera O’Neil at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present:

Kiera O’Neil, Chair
Lynn Cavicchi, Vice Chair
Lauren Scher
Jenn Walsh

Administration Present:

Teresa Murphy, Superintendent of Schools
Michael Connolly, Assistant Superintendent (Teaching / Learning)
Ed Donoghue, Assistant Superintendent (Finance/ Operations)

Members Absent:

Vivian Webster

All attendees in person / Roll Call votes not required.

Public Speak: None

Communications: None

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Teresa Murphy updated the School Committee on Kindergarten registrations for 2023-24. To date 89 new students have been registered while we expect approximately 61 students to be promoted up from Roland Green. Typically, over half of the new students register during the first two weeks. We estimate this year’s class to be approx. 225 – 230 students. Lauren noted that preschool applications are also being accepted now. Teresa attended the J/J concert last week which was wonderful. Jamie Steinbach and Kim Holster do an amazing job with the 4th and 5th grade students. These students attend in small group sessions during recess and it isn’t until a week before the concert that they come together and rehearse as a group.

Assistant Superintendent Michael Connolly gave an update on the Strategic Plan. As the committee knows, we have completed the equity audit with MA Insight. With district input, MA Insight has completed the draft strategic plan. We are bringing this plan to our administrative team for review and then will present to our district strategic planning team. We will then bring it to school committee in late February or early March. Mike noted that we continue to update policy for non-discrimination, work with our new ICU teams, work on our school improvement plans and our Student Opportunity Act plans. The ICU teams are teams of 5 staff members per school who, in consultation with Cultural Proficiency Trainer Dr. Kalise Warnom, work to improve school culture. ICU stands for Inclusivity, Culture and Unity or an acronym for I “see” you and value you.

At this point in the meeting a citizen interrupted in order to provide his opinion on the equity audit. He was asked to stop several times by Chair O’Neil but seeing that he would not; the chair adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Nugent, Administrative Assistant to
Superintendent & School Committee

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