

# Newburyport School Committee Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes

**Sub-Committee:** Communications  
**Meeting Date:** September 25, 2009  
**In Attendance:** Stephanie Weaver, Nick deKanter, Dana Hooper  
**Absent:** Deirdre Farrell

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## **(1) Discuss “public conversation” format for 2009/2010 school year**

- Presentations don't work – need it to be more conversational/interactive. Phone-in, e-mail in, add a section to the website for people to send in questions or topic submissions.
- Conversation with mayoral candidates
- Student presentations/conversations should be added to the agenda for at least a few times a year (similar to 2006/2007)
- Work with Port Media to publicize public conversation when there are topics, as well as through our website. Talk to P.Media about broadcasting public conversation live.
- When there are topics on the schedule, the SC needs to do their homework ahead of time to make the most of the time
- Steph to send email out to SC to collect general topics (volunteerism, Strategic Plan)

## **(2) Letter to Senator Baddour and Rep. Costello to remind them about the MSBA hold pattern:**

- ▶ Steph brought timeline draft (summary) to meeting. She'll forward to Deirdre to proof for accuracy. Then will submit final letter to entire committee for approval.

## **(3) First newsletter for October**

- ▶ Assignments will be due on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Deirdre – 3 paragraphs max on what is being focused on this year (continuing w/literacy, inclusion, etc.)
  - Nick – Financial Focus – RTF update
  - Dana – Update on solar panel project and how it is impacting the kids (perhaps a picture of the screen at the Middle School – talk to some of the teachers to see if they are talking about it in classrooms)
  - Steph – Superintendent Search Update – focus groups/coordinate w/John Connolly to see if we can assist w/informing public on when these sessions will take place

**(4) Meeting schedule through December 2009**

- ▶ October 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 7:30am – 8:30am
- ▶ November 17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 7:30am – 8:30am
- ▶ December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Tuesday) 7:30am – 8:30am