

Sudbury School Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2025

Members Present:

Nicole Burnard, Chair
Karyn Jones
Mandy Sim

Also Present:

Brad Crozier, Superintendent
Annette Doyle, Assistant Superintendent
Lauren Egizio, Humanities Curriculum Coordinator
Don Sawyer, Director of Business and Human Resources

Absent:

Meredith Gerson, Vice Chair

Regular Session Meeting

Chair Nicole Burnard opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

1. Opening Statement / Regular Session
Chair Nicole Burnard performed a roll call and made an announcement that the session is being recorded, shared live for the public to see and hear and there should be no expected right to privacy, as this is a public forum. Mandy Sim, Karyn Jones and Nicole Burnard all affirmed in the positive.
2. Public Comment
 - a. Emily Cooperman, Sudbury resident, spoke in favor of a policy to support LGBTQ students.
 - b. Samantha Bower, Marlborough resident, shared her support for a gender identity support policy.
 - c. Hilary Smiley, Framingham resident, shared her support for a gender identity support policy.
3. Business and Policy Matters
 - a. CASE Collaborative Q2 and Annual Report
 - b. ACCEPT Collaborative Q2 and Annual Report
 - i. The Q2 and Annual Reports for both CASE and ACCEPT were provided to the School Committee as we are a member district.
 - ii. Highlights included CASE maintaining a strong financial position and student enrollment at ACCEPT is increasing and their budget is stable. In addition, both had excellent audit reviews.
 - iii. Questions from the Committee surrounded transportation and extended summer programming.

- c. Sudbury School Committee Member Vacancy
 - i. Chair Nicole Burnard shared that Mary Stephens has resigned from the Sudbury School Committee effective immediately.
 - ii. Items needing immediate attention include notifying the Select Board of the resignation and how to proceed with both the Policy and Communications Subcommittees.
 - iii. Questions related to Mary's amended resignation, guidance from legal and the timeline for posting the new position were asked.
 - iv. Regarding Subcommittees, the Committee discussed the best path forward. Concerns were raised about the full School Committee handling all the work, but ultimately, it was decided that both the Policy and Communications Subcommittees would be brought to the full Committee.
 - v. Mandy Sim made a motion to give the School Committee Chair authorization to write a letter to the Select Board giving them notice of Mary Stephens stepping down from the Sudbury School Committee and the current vacant seat on the Sudbury School Committee. Karyn Jones seconded the motion.
 - 1. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - a. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - b. Karyn Jones: Aye
 - c. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 3-0. Motion carries.
- d. Communications Sub Committee
 - i. Mandy Sim shared with the Committee a draft of the At-A-Glance newsletter.
 - ii. Minor edits were recommended and agreed upon.
 - iii. Mandy Sim made a motion to approve the Sudbury School Committee At-A-Glance January 2025 Newsletter as amended. Karyn Jones seconded the motion.
 - 1. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - a. Mandy Sim
 - b. Karyn Jones
 - c. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - i. **Vote:** 3-0. Motion carries.
 - iv. A Roles and Responsibilities Chart and a survey were developed to support the School Committee's Communications Goal by providing information and gathering feedback to improve communication with families.
 - v. Questions related to how the survey will be shared were asked.
 - vi. Recommended edits were suggested and agreed upon. This will be brought back to the School Committee for further review.
- e. ELA Warrant Article
 - i. Presentation
 - 1. To help answer additional questions the Committee had regarding the selection and implementation of the new EL Curriculum, Ms. Egizio and Mrs. Doyle shared a presentation to address those questions.

2. Chair Nicole Burnard clarified that the discussion should be centered and focused around the Warrant Article which covers K-5 curriculum and funding allocated for grades 6-8 study committee.
 3. The Committee's questions focused on block timing, the transition of student services, the adequacy of the warrant amount, and the process for determining the second and third modules.
- ii. Warrant
1. Superintendent Crozier noted that changes to the warrant were based on review from town counsel.
 2. Questions related to adding additional PD days to the warrant were asked.
 3. Mandy Sim made a motion to put the ELA Curriculum Implementation Warrant Article to see if the town will vote to transfer free cash in the next warrant article and to authorize the Chair to sign the warrant article on behalf of the Sudbury School Committee. Karyn Jones seconded the motion.
 - a. ROLL CALL VOTE
 - i. Mandy Sim: Aye
 - ii. Karyn Jones: Aye
 - iii. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 1. **Vote:** 3-0. Motion carries.
4. Adjournment
- a. Chair Nicole Burnard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Karyn Jones seconded the motion.
 - i. ROLL CALL VOTE
 1. Karyn Jones: Aye
 2. Mandy Sim: Aye
 3. Nicole Burnard: Aye
 - a. **Vote:** 3-0. Motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Williams
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Documents Reviewed During the January 22, 2025 School Committee Meeting

1. CASE Collaborative FS24 - Final
2. CASE Collaborative Annual Report
3. SPS_Roles
4. Jan 2025 At-A-Glance
5. SC Communications Survey.docx(1)
6. SC ELA Adoption
7. FY26 ELA Curriculum Implementation Warrant Article_UPDATED