



GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Remote School Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Mr. Emre Evren, Chairperson; Ms. Jennifer Bartosz, Vice-Chair; Ms. Jennifer Mallette;
Ms. Stephanie Parent; Ms. Audrey Siudak

ADMINISTRATION:

Mrs. Carol Hepworth, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Adam Tarquini, School Business Manager; Members of the Senior Leadership Team

GRANBY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE: Cheryl Denette (President of GEA)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE: Markus Baran

- I. Call to order: Ms. Bartosz called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

There was no consent agenda at this meeting.

- II. Visitor's Comments:

Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee must sign in with the Administrative Assistant prior to the opening of the Regular Session of the School Committee. The visitor will identify themselves by name and address and shall speak for no longer than three (3) minutes. (See Granby Public School Committee Policy BEDG)

Meghan Szlosek
Peter White

Mrs. Szlosek asked for some clarification regarding why some districts that are in the red have students in their buildings and Granby does not. She also thanked Mr. Evren for his time he served in the School Committee.

Mr. White reiterated how the students need to be back in the building and presented some statistics regarding COVID-1p and the age percentage of people who get the disease.

Ms. Bartosz also thanked Mr. Evren for his service to the school committee.

- III. Student Representative: Markus Baran (Absent)

- IV. New Business:

A. New Chair

Any party wishing to fill the open school committee seat will email Ms. Bartosz their name and be available for the February 1st joint meeting with the school committee and select board.

B. Reopening phases

In regards to the phases in the reopening plan, the nurses said a two week interval would be sufficient when returning the students for in-person learning. One week to see what happens within the student community and the second week to address and issues or cases that pop up.

MOTION: Ms. Siudak motioned for the following phases to start in person learning pending Granby is in the yellow, seconded by Ms. Parent.

VOTE: All in favor (5-0-0)

February 22, 2021: Special populations, Pre-K, K, Grades 1 & 2 and Grades 7 & 8.
March 8, 2021: Grades 3 & 4 and Grades 9 & 10
March 22, 2021: Grades 5 & 6 and Grades 11 & 12.

Granby Public Schools Mission Statement

In the Granby Public Schools, we focus on the whole child, to develop a community that empowers every student to become civically engaged, service-minded, responsible, intellectually curious and prepared individuals engaged in our culturally diverse and global community. We encourage respectful and constructive exchange of feedback within and outside our schools as a pathway to continuous improvement, leading to fearless learning.

Granby Public Schools Vision Statement

We believe that relationships matter. We believe in the promise of every child, in the purpose every child brings to learning, and in the passion every child possesses. We believe that learning is about the growth of all aspects of the child - social, emotional, physical, and intellectual.

Granby Public Schools Strategic Goals

- Goal #1: Develop and implement (P)K-12 curricula, supported by authentic learning in all content areas.
- Goal #2: Granby Public Schools leadership team will exemplify transparency and trustworthiness, and engage with all members of the school district and community.
- Goal #3: Provide the necessary technology to support curricular needs.
- Goal #4: Develop modern facilities that support authentic learning environments.

The Granby Public School Committee would like the opportunity to hear the wishes and ideas of the public. Therefore, the Committee has set aside a period of time at each School Committee meeting to hear from the public on issues that affect the school district and are within the scope of the Committee's responsibilities. Visitors wishing to address the School Committee must do so adhering to the guidelines and specifications as outlined in Granby Public School Policy BEDG.

A copy of the full policy can be found at or by contacting the Superintendent's office at 413-467-7193.

"Please be advised that this meeting will be video and audio taped as well as televised"

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