

MINUTES OF THE TRAINING SESSION  
OF THE MALDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Saturday, January 15, 2022  
Virtual Training

Mayor Christenson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Mayor Christenson read the agenda for the training.

**Introduction**

Mayor Christenson spoke about working collaboratively and imparted advice he received about the importance of needing to listen, learn and then act.

**Remarks**

Superintendent Noriega-Murphy thanked the School Committee for their support and provided a brief presentation about communication and other matters. Superintendent Noriega-Murphy also fielded questions from the School Committee members about visiting schools and attending events at schools.

**School Committee – Superintendent Governance Team Roles, Responsibilities and Communication**

Mr. Glenn Koocher, from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), provided a presentation on the roles, responsibilities and communication of School Committee. Mr. Koocher also said that the policy manual for the School Committee is available on the Malden Public Schools website. Questions were raised by School Committee members about social media. Mr. Koocher advised to use caution as social media does not necessarily represent the views of the majority of stakeholders. Attorney Greenspan provided advice on being vigilant so as not to engage in deliberation on any platform outside of a School Committee meeting. School Committee members were encouraged to contact Mayor Christenson, Superintendent Noriega-Murphy or Attorney Greenspan for any matters that they might have questions.

**New Superintendent Evaluation Tool**

Mr. Koocher also provided a presentation on the new superintendent evaluation tool to the School Committee members. Mr. Koocher commented that usually between 6 – 10 criteria are selected for evaluating a superintendent. Mr. Koocher also encouraged School Committee members to contact him if they had questions.

**Law, Ethics, and School Committee Governance**

Attorney Greenspan spoke about the laws, ethics and School Committee governance. Attorney Greenspan also elaborated on union negotiations and collective bargaining.

**Wrap-Up and Adjournment**

Seeing that there were no comments or questions, Mayor Christenson concluded training at 10:53 a.m.

I certify that a notice of this meeting was filed with the Clerk of the City of Malden in the manner provided under Chapter 39, Section 23A of the General Laws.



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Shirley Dorai, Clerk