



CDSP General Meeting

[June 09, 2022 10 a.m.](#)

At the BOE Meeting Room

In Person: Lori Olson, Joanna Walsh, Kristen Croker Fiordalis, Sara Parent, Carol Kennedy, Christina Kreuz, Jen Morici, Jackie Nevin, Jenn Sherman, Jessica Levey, Robin Nelson, Deb Ritchie, Leila Buckjune, Libby Cook, Crystal Hill, Amy Reid, Yesim C Sukhani, Antoinette Cowles, Diane Urban, Kadi Lublin, Meaghan Thorton, Kristen Smith, Mary Elizabeth Garvey, Tiffany O'Connor, Amy O'Kane, Byrne Pozzi

Meeting called to order by Joanna Walsh at 10:05 a.m.

Voted to approve the minutes of [May 12, 2022](#) by Lori Olson. First, Amy O'Kane; Second, Deb Ritchie. Passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the CDSP Dues Increase. First, Carol Kennedy; Second, Deb Ritchie. Passed unanimously.

Vote to approve the [2022-23 CDSP Budget](#). First, Libby Cook; Second, Byrne Pozzi. Passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Update:

- *CDSP Meetings:* Next year's meetings will be in-person only format. In-person meetings allow for better hearing and are more conducive to conversation. Voting members and specific invitees will be the only attendees. There will be increased emphasis on sending people to their buildings for help with questions, concerns, etc. Question: Are CDSP minutes published? Answer: Yes, they are published on the CDSP website but with a month lag.
- *Bring Your Own Device Model at DHS:* The new [Bring Your Own Device Hub](#) is live with links. There are recommendations, suggestions and information on requirements, as well as links for educational discounts. The link to the form for loaners hasn't been working, but they will be fixing.
- *Great Island:* Tonight (6/9) there will be a presentation by selectmen on the Great Island \$103Mil purchase. There are lots of moving pieces. Looking at this purchase from an educational perspective, it brings to mind that some budget items (such as \$8K orchestra attire) were not included in the budget (and parents must buy). Co-chairs will give public comment about worries this would impact the BOE budget moving forward. Co-chairs will send out [contact, further information, and public comment](#).
- *DHS Tragedies:* Town will be putting together a mental health task force, led by Ali Ramsteck. DHS changed year-end activities/events DHS. Today in Advisory, DHS students watched a video on mental health, which had also been shared with parents via email (Co-chairs will send out [link](#)) District will be continuing to work on this over the summer.
- Write letter review for BOE (before summer retreat/July 13th). Pls let them know if there are things you want to include.

Dr. Addley Update:

- Just came from SEL meeting. Thanks to outgoing/appreciate work on behalf of parent body. New thanks for picking up mantle. Challenging year. DEI update in strategic plan, (e.g. school security on people minds?) Looking forward to celebrating. Opens floor to questions: Comment that communications have been good, comforting, heartfelt. Answer: thank you, try to be respectful and balance. Question: Hiring season? Retention? Record number of resignations, and teachers stressed. Answer: happening all across the country, need emotional support, pleased with quality of candidates, they understand the culture they are coming in to, Admin is conscious of that. Q: Do they do exit interviews. A: Yes. Schools are safe places. This has been a top priority and always improving every year (e.g. cameras), work hand in hand with police department. Q: is a security booth at DHS back in discussions? A: No. Q: SRO at elementary? A: Will engage further. Comment: At Ox outside security experts are brought in. Security audits have been proactive. Q: Hindley, in theory someone could have access to kindergartens quickly because of where playground is, any thoughts on these access points? A: Safety and SEcurity are part of those conversations on building. Q: Sounds like our kids are sitting ducks? Don't see police officers at schools at elementary. A: police do have presence at all schools and campus monitors. SROs have been in place for a while at MMS and DHS. Discussions are happening. Comment: all schools have security in place, there are campus monitors, lockdown drills. Perhaps what doesn't need to be confidential could be presented to parents? There are drills & simulations. Always on agendas. Always good to stay engaged, have a wonderful summer.

Officer Updates:

- *Community Outreach/DEI* (Jenn): Donations passed for community partners; PTOs get letters in fall for the check. DEI: District time met for 5th time, there is a draft equity statement and focused date on/from audit. Helping people understand what is trying to be done. The District Team will be back in fall, may have different members as some roll off/on;
- *SE (Kadi)*: Had a committee meeting and spoke about mental health. Need more conversations in open minded and respectful ways. Shout out to committee members. Had meeting with Admin/Shirley Klein wherein she gave feedback (how parents are hearing messages). Have channel and keep open lines of communication. Introducing Katrina O'Connor who is chairing next year. BOE Curriculum meetings are great. SE can feel like a silo. Anxiety can benefit everyone.

School Updates

- *MMS*: Had trouble finding vendors that meet new insurance requirements, which recently changed. Comment: Same at Tokeneke. Liability/Sexual Abuse and Molestation Clause concerns. Co-chairs will talk to Rich, clarify and send out. Affects enrichment.

Motion to adjourn by Lori Olson at 11:32 am. First, Jenn Sherman. Second, Libby Cook. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Croker Fiordalis, Secretary.