

Citizens and School Committee Talk

Rational: After listening to a couple of the focus groups run by Paul and MASC, I realize that people especially the young ones want to be heard. Many indicated that they lack knowledge of what is going on and how to get information. I won't judge them by stating we have always been open about what we do. Having access to elected officials is one thing, knowing that I, the public, have access is another thing. As chair of the Community Relations Committee, full disclosure – I have not spoken to the other members, I propose we set times to hear from the public and post the times throughout all the Social Media available and to mention it at every school committee meeting. I am willing to commit to be available to all these meetings and would invite other members of the committee to participate when they can.

Purpose: To listen to the public. If there are questions posed that can be answered without effecting policy, then they will be answered. All other questions will be referred to the appropriate person for an answer.

Format: Zoom

Notification: Social Media, School notices and at School Committee meetings

Time: First Wednesday of the Month at 10:00 am and the third Wednesday of the Month at 7:00 pm

Participants: 1-3 school committee members and any citizen of Arlington

Topic: Open ended but limited to school related topics