



Advisory Committee MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2026

120 Miriam Road, Room 3 @ Ripley

Concord, MA

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Members present, Ed Bernard, Pamela Hegarty, Carlene Hempel (secretary), John Lee, Anne Irza-Leggat, Polly Meyer, Alison Pray

Members absent: Kimberly Kossman, Rita Raychaudhuri

Visitors: None

Call to order: Jill Weintraub, director of Adult and Community Education, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Minutes: On a motion made by Polly Meyer and seconded by Anne Irza-Leggat, the February minutes were unanimously approved.

Regular Business:

Program updates:

Adult Education:

- “Understanding All the Letters,” a free program designed to help understand what the LGBTQA+ acronym means, will be held at the library on March 31.
- Suzie Kornblum, executive director of Concord Children’s Center, reached out to Jill with interest in offering a small parent-child group. Previous iterations of similar groups were cancelled because of a constellation of challenges including difficulty in finding meeting space. Kornblum said she has space and staff available for the program. Jill reported interest in starting with one group focused on parents and caregivers (nannies, grandparents, etc.). Jill said the format hasn’t been decided but she and Suzie are toying with two mornings a week – Mondays and Wednesdays – perhaps one with just parents with care for the children separately, and one with parents combined with their young children. The program, which would be advertised through the CCACE catalogue, is planned for a fall start date. Price is not yet determined.
- “Leading with Dignity for Stronger Relationships,” a free in-person course led by Donna Hicks, will be held at Harvey Wheeler Community Center on three Thursdays from 6:30-8 p.m. on April 16 (Dignity in Depth), May 14 (Putting Dignity to Work) and June 11 (Making Good Change through Dignity).

Driver’s Education:

- Two classes remain in this fiscal year. The summer schedule is already up online.

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- The group discussed how to market the program to Maynard Public Schools, which does not have a driver's education program. Ideas included advertising through the high school's public radio station (91.7), as well as Planet Fitness, the Boys & Girls' Club and Erikson's Ice Cream on Great Road. While the regional Minuteman High School in Lexington reached out with an interest in partnering, Jill has not been able to reach any representatives from the school to follow up.

IMSCC:

- The summer schedule is set for lessons, which start on June 22. There are nine weeks of lessons, mostly available at the high school though some will be taught in Carlisle. Registration starts soon. There are three ensemble groups available, which previously have enrolled about 20 students. There is a trumpet workshop running this summer as well. A program on bassoon reed making might also be available.
- There has been early discussion about creating a certificate program for high school-level music students that includes a performance element. The idea is it would be good for students to put something tangible on their resumes. The program would likely include an additional fee to cover logistics.

Registration and budget numbers:

Jill handed out a nifty color-coded spreadsheet of attendance records with actual numbers and percentages for registrations through March 15. The highlights are that not many classes have been cancelled this year. Also, the data are useful because the chart shows which months have the most interest and which classes could be shared with other communities for enrollment. In general, Jill said registrations look strong and the budget is in good shape.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 1, at noon, at the Ripley School on Meriam Road in Concord.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlene Hempel, secretary