

2023-2024
Ipswich School Committee
Subcommittees, Working Groups, and Liaisons

Subcommittees

Subcommittees are the standing committees which remain consistent from year to year

Budget Assist administrators and finance department in creation of the school budget	Communications Provide our community with consistent, clear information about Ipswich Public Schools	Mutual Concerns Created to hear issues brought forward to the School Committee by teachers in the district
Kate Eliot	Dianna Freehan	Jen Donahue
Jen Donahue	Sasha Sopic	Jenny Connolly
Sasha Sopic	Jeff Poirier	Mat Perry

Negotiations Represent the school district in its negotiations with various unions	Operations Work with the Superintendent to formulate his goals as well as onboard new SC members	Policy Responsible for keeping school policies up to date
Jeff Poirier	Jeff Poirier	Dianna Freehan
Kate Eliot	Jen Donahue	Jenny Connolly
Sasha Sopic	Kate Eliot	Mat Perry

Working Groups

Working Groups are annually established, short-term committees that change from year to year

Feoffees Report Provide the Feoffees with an update showing how the annual Trust distributions were spent. Create annual report for the Annual Town Meeting	School Facilities Work with Director of Facilities on issues relating to buildings maintenance, safety and security, and climate initiatives	Feoffee Policy Working Group Revisit SC Feoffee policy to ensure we are leveraging Feoffee funds in the best way possible to benefit students
Mat Perry	Jen Donahue	Jeff Poirier
	Sasha Sopic	Mat Perry
	Dianna Freehan	Dianna Freehan

Liaisons

Liaisons are School Committee members chosen to represent the group at broader community/committee meetings. These liaisons provide updates from the School Committee to these groups and also report back to the full School Committee.

Audit Review the findings of the annual school department financial audit	Birth to Three Collaborative preschool/kindergarten meetings hosted by Birth to Three	Climate Develop policies to keep our district on the leading edge of energy efficient operation	Feoffees Committee The Ipswich Feoffees Committee manages the charitable Feoffees Trust that benefits Ipswich Public Schools	Ipswich Athletic Advisory Committee Work with the HS Athletic director & other appointed school/community members to address issues relative to the School district's athletic programs
Kate Eliot	Jenny Connolly	Kate Eliot	Mat Perry	Jen Donahue

Ipswich Education Foundation The Ipswich Education Foundation is a non-profit fundraising and advocacy group in support of Ipswich Public Schools	MASC Voting Delegate to Annual Business Meeting Attend the annual MASC/MASS joint conference as the IPS voting delegate	Paine Grants Discuss/vote on proposals made for funding via the Feoffees Paine Grants. Also includes appointed IPS staff and community members	Special Education Parent Advisory Council SEPAC by law is permitted to advise the school committee on matters that pertain to education/safety of students with disabilities: planning, development & evaluation of the program.
Mat Perry	Jenny Connolly	Dianna Freehan	Jeff Poirier

STEAM Team Work with the Ipswich STEAM Team to support the development of the STEAM vision and alignment in Ipswich Public Schools, and to help plan the annual STEAM Showcase	Student Advisory Council The Ipswich High School Student Advisory Council	Town Government Study Committee Town resource for research on best lawful practice in Town governance and municipality organization, authority, and functions. Contribute to annual reports and recommendations to the Select Board and Town Meeting.	Traverso-Weatherall Grants Discuss/vote on proposals made for funding via the Feoffees TW Grants. Also includes appointed IPS staff and community members	Turf Field Represent the schools as part of a larger group overseeing the use and maintenance of the High School Turf Field
Dianna Freehan	Jeff Poirier	Jenny Connolly	Jenny Connolly	Jen Donahue