



PROPOSAL

Creation of Advisory Committee

(Warrior mascot)



PURPOSE:

- To establish a committee to review the Warrior mascot at Wells High School.
- To review the importance and influence that a school mascot has in building and maintaining school spirit, identity, and unity.

PROCESS:

- A committee will be created to discuss, process, and review the current WHS mascot. The committee will be referred to as the “Mascot Committee”.
- The Mascot Committee will bring in several groups to provide information for review.
- The Mascot Committee will provide the WOCSD with a report of findings.
- The Mascot Committee will make a recommendation to the WOCSD School Committee for discussion and approval.

REPRESENTATION:

- Student athletes
- Coaches
- Administrators
- Community members
- WHS Principal
- WOCSD Athletic Director 6-12

GUIDELINES:

- Review current mascot as defined as a symbol, character, name, logo, etc., that should represent a school in a positive manner – promoting unity and pride.
- Review the negative stereotype of the current mascot.
- Gain an understanding of current Native American views, analyze data around the mascot and the history within the community.
- Solicit school community feedback via surveys, public comment at advisory committee meetings and a public hearing following the advisory committee’s recommendation.
- Publish a report with the Mascot Committee’s findings and recommendations.

TIMELINE:

- November 2017 – creation of Warrior mascot advisory committee
- December 2017 – selection of advisory committee members
- January – March 2018 – advisory committee review
- March/April 2018 – report to school committee
- April 2018 – School Committee discussion/approval of advisory committee’s findings and recommendations