



Stoughton Conversations

Discussions that Matter Because Stoughton Cares

Topic: Hopes & Concerns about the Role of Social Media in Stoughton

Agenda:

I. Welcome and Overview

II. THE CONVERSATION

- a.) Spirit: Use hope and concern to describe how social media can influence your thoughts and actions.
- b.) Science: How does social media lead to misperceptions?
- c.) Action: As a leader, what could YOU do to hear and steer conversations that happen on social media?
- d.) Return: What other issues does this surface? Why does this matter? What are your key takeaways?

III. Brainstorm future meeting topics

IV. Next Conversation

Why the *Stoughton Conversations* Project?

Providing opportunities to share our Hopes and Concerns for Stoughton is key component to positive community development and building strong community leaders. These are core elements in our strategy to support Stoughton youth and families and build community connections.

What is the *Stoughton Conversations* Project?

This project was developed as a follow up to the recent *Science of the Positive Leadership Institute*, with Dr. Jeff Linkenbach, hosted by the OASIS Coalition. Participants recommended developing a regular opportunity for individuals involved in Stoughton (Town employees, members of local boards & commissions, passionate community members, etc.) to come together and discuss a topic of local importance.



Group Agreements

Based on Dr. Linkenbach's Science of the Positive, 7 Core Principles

1. **Be positive:** be respectful of all opinions
2. **Be present:** try not be distracted your technology; practice active listening; focus on keeping the content local and relevant to the topic
3. **Be perceptive:** be open to other's ideas; challenge your own beliefs; be aware of jumping to conclusions too quickly
4. **Be purposeful:** be clear and considerate with your words
5. **Be perfected:** practice sitting with diverse opinions
6. **Be proactive:** notice your own thoughts & feelings and consider how they may impact others; connect with the people around you
7. **Be passionate:** share your energy and enthusiasm

